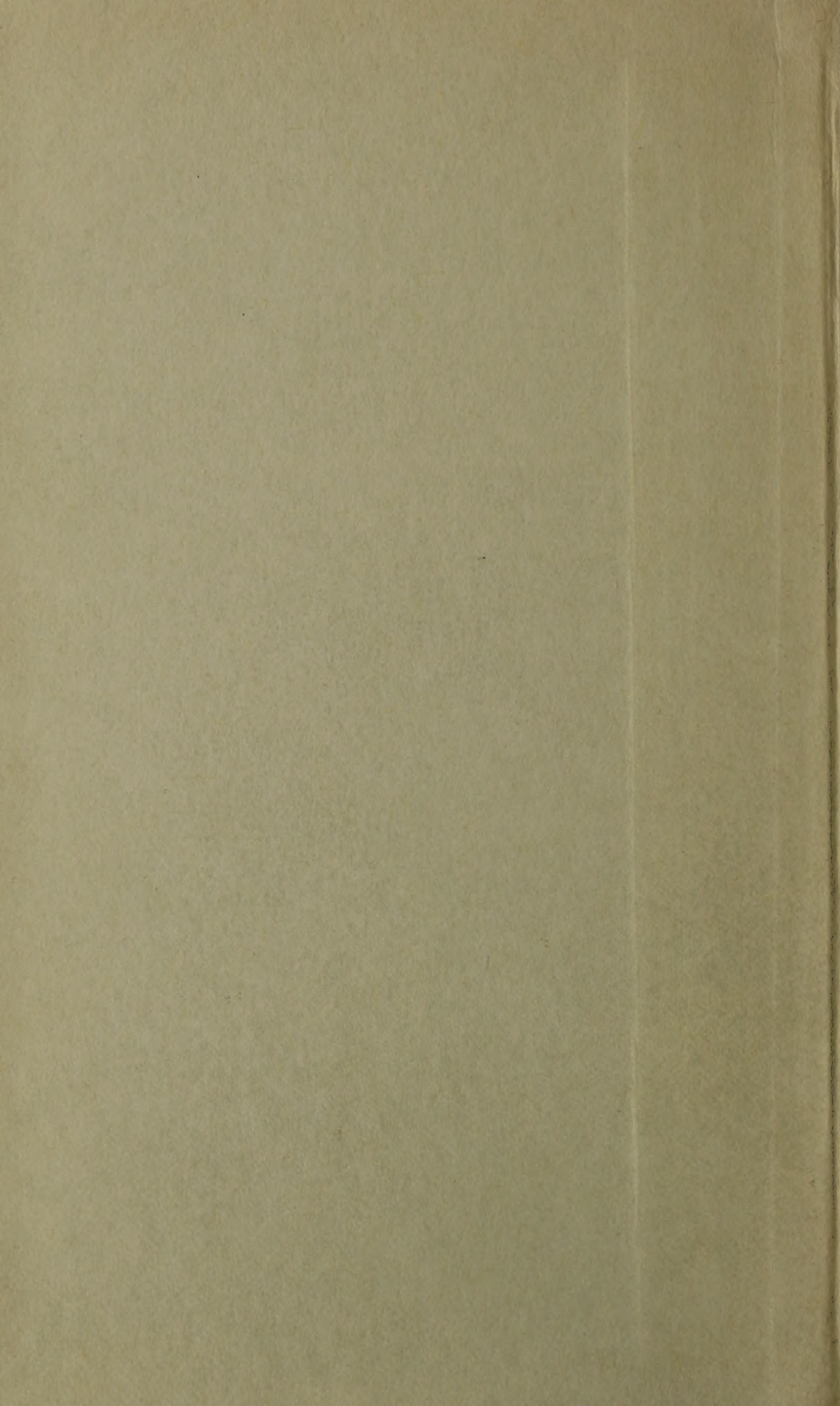


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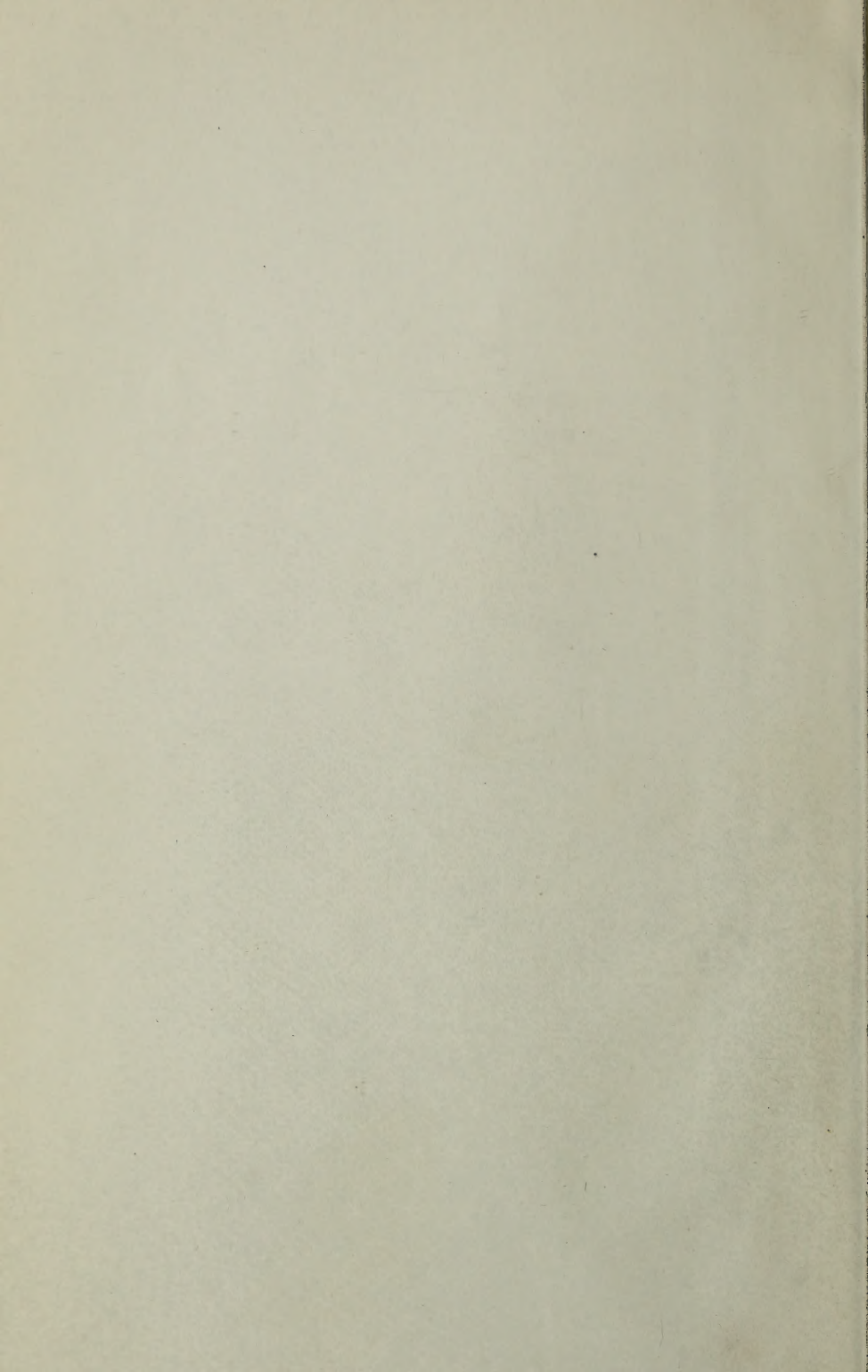


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# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

of the

**TOWN OFFICERS**

and

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

of the

## **TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**



**Year Ending December 31,  
1947**



# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1947

## ELECTED OFFICERS

TREASURER—Norbert C. Benoit 1949

TOWN CLERK—Clare P. Boyer 1950

## SELECTMEN

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Rosario Arpin, Chairman 1948	Emery Lavallee, Clerk 1948
Wesley K. Cole 1948	

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## PUBLIC WELFARE

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Hermas Lippe 1948	Marie Lariviere 1949
Ovide Desrosier, Chairman 1950	

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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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Ovide Desrosier, Chairman	Hermas Lippe
Marie Lariviere	

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## ASSESSORS

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Joseph T. Gervais 1948	Joseph Lafleche 1949
Charles Normandin 1950	

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

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Robert W. DeJourdy D. S. C. 1948	Ernest Tetrault 1949
Raymond F. Haling M. D. 1950	

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

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George Lafleche, Clerk 1948	Lionel Duval, Chairman 1949
Arthur Bachand 1950	

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## WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

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Arthur Roy, Chairman 1948	James Murphy 1948
Rosario Arpin 1948	Ovila Donais 1949
Arthur Cabana 1950	Lectance Landry 1950

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Arthur Gaumond 1948	Joseph Normandin 1948
Hector M. LeClair, Sr. 1949	Ernest Boyer 1949
Paul Benoit 1950	William J. Brunelle 1950

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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Wardwell Edwards 1948	Bernard Guertin 1949
George Dumas 1950	

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## CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau 1948                      Raoul Meunier 1948  
Bernard Richard 1948

TAX COLLECTOR—Mederic Duhamel 1948

## PLANNING BOARD

J. George Page 1948                      Mitchell Kurposka 1949  
Edward Seremet 1950                      George Duquette 1951  
Bernardo Raimondo—1952

## SEWER COMMITTEE

Leo Allard 1948                      J. George Page 1949  
Alfred Goudreau 1950

## PARK COMMISSIONERS

John E. Farland 1948                      Roland Langevin 1949  
Wilfred P. Gauthier 1950

MODERATOR—Valmore P. Tetrault 1948

TREE WARDEN—Wilbur Wilson 1948

## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Ignac Zacycki 1948                      Ernest J. Lavallee 1949  
Leon Bouthillier 1950

## SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Francois C. Sansoucy 1948                      Omer L. Perron 1949  
Arthur Cabana 1950                      Emile J. Martin 1951  
John J. Hogan (Appointed by the State) 1949

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

ASSISTANT CLERK, SELECTMEN—Julian C. Gabree

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—Joseph E. Desrosier 1948

TOWN COUNSEL—John J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr. 1948

TOWN ENGINEER—Henry A. Racicot

## VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Paul Benoit, Director                      Constance Plouffe, Clerk  
VETERANS BENEFITS AGENT—Paul Benoit

## RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Hector LeClair, Jr.                      Joseph Piasta

Anthony Deterando  
Rev. Walter Kraft  
Norman Leblanc  
Albert Simonds  
John E. Farland  
Lorenzo Beaupre

Alton K. Marsters  
Emil Martin  
Alphonse Renna  
Roland Langevin  
Leopold Poirier  
Wilfred Gauthier

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AIRPORT COMMISSION

Albert DiGregorio 1948                      Edmund Ryan 1949  
Philip Gauthier 1950                      Dwight K. Bartlett 1951  
Herbert W. Wilkinson 1952

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—Wililam L. Bourgeois

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CARE OF TOWN CLOCK—John P. Caves

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POUND KEEPER—Frederick L. Dowling

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KEEPERS OF LOCK-UP—Ulric Brault, Ernest Cadarette

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CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL—Olivier Proulx

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ANIMAL INSPECTOR — PLUMBING INSPECTOR—  
MILK INSPECTOR—Joseph A. Chagnon

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BUILDING INSPECTOR—Armand DeAngelis

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WIRE INSPECTOR—Arthur J. Eno

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SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES—G. Rudolph Lariviere

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES—FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte 1948                      Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1949  
Wardwell M. Edwards 1950

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FOR THE FUND

Gertrude W. Smith                                      John O. Martin  
Arthur Kay    W. Wesley Crawford

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Seaver M. Rice 1948                                      Armand Fortin 1949  
John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr. 1950                      Clare P. Boyer

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MOTH SUPERINTENDENT—Wilbur Wilson

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief                      George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief  
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM—James C. Sandgren  
FIRE WARDEN—Oswald Meunier

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## DEPUTY WARDENS

Daniel Daniels  
Joseph Mandeville  
Emile Caouette  
Romeo Lippe

Harry Michaels  
Albert Servant  
Rosario Bellerose  
Archie Langevin

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## FENCE VIEWERS

Mitchell Kurposka  
Euclid Gatineau

Alphonse Renna  
David Mellor

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## HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Bernard Beauregard  
Raymond Benoit  
Edmund Ryan

Armand DeAngelis  
George A. Watson  
Ronaldo Guertin

Doris Loiselle

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## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes  
John J. Hogan

Clifford McKinstry  
Royce Fitzpatrick

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## FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault

Ovila Martin

James Laughnane

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## SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

William J. Congdon

Arthur Eno

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## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raymond McKinstry  
Wardwell M. Edwards  
Jacob Edwards  
Ralph McKinstry  
Herman Staves  
Loretta Fitzpatrick

Royce Fitzpatrick  
Eleanor Drake  
Beatrice Homicz  
Harry Michaels  
Thomas Hughes  
William Cox

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## ATTENDANCE OFFICER—Raoul Lataille

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ernest Coderre 1948  
Oswald Laliberte 1948  
Anthony Deterando 1948  
Omer L. Perron 1949  
Albert Simonds 1949  
George Metras 1950  
Vincent Walsh 1950

Peter Graf 1948  
Roland Meunier 1948  
Ernest Fontaine 1949  
Christopher Thomas 1949  
Myron B. Clemence 1949  
Leo Dandurand 1950  
Aloysius Koproski 1950

Allen Richmond 1950

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INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM—G. Rudolph Lariviere

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DOG OFFICER—Albert Lamarine

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SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Henry Racicot  
Leopold Lemmelin

Dr. Raymond Haling  
Armand DeAngelis

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CARE OF VETERANS GRAVES

Clarence Desaulnier

William J. Congdon

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Joseph Desrosier

Norbert C. Benoit

J. Alfred Dumas

# JURY LIST

Name and Occupation	Address
Allard, Roland A. J.—Bus Driver	9 Federal Avenue
Arpin, Armand—Foreman	83 Plimpton Street
Bachand, Arthur N.—Machine Operator	39 School Street
Bachand, Edward E.—Carpenter	16 Williams Street
Beauregard, Alexander—Clerk	401 Main Street
Benson, Arthur J.—Truer	29 Sayles Street
Bertrand, Urban G.—U. S. Army	370 Hamilton Street
Bibeau, Rodolphe—Machinist	53 Worcester Street
Blair, Alfred—Laborer	135 Worcester Street
Blanchette, Omer—Truck Driver	40 Cross Street
Blute, Harold—Taxi Driver	564 Main Street
Boiteau, Anthony—Optical Worker	71 Sayles Street
Boucher, Raymond—Optical Worker	127 Everett Street
Brodeur, Antonio—Clerk	114 Pine Street
Buckley, John T.—Optical Worker	28 Harding Street
Blair, Elmer S.—Clerk	281 Woodstock Road
Blais, Napoleon—Moulder	402 Worcester Street
Cabana, Arthur—Spec. Maker	10 Oaks Avenue
Caron, Phillias	109 High Street
Carrier, Raymond C.—Shipping Clerk	13 Avenue A
Caron, Anatole, Jr.—Machinist	33 River Street
Carpentier, Noe N.—Machinist	246 Mechanic Street
Carpentier, William—Merchant	228 Hamilton Street
Caroll, William P.—U. S. Army	50 Lens Street
Cartier, Joseph Jr.—Assembler	17 Pleasant Street
Chamberland, Theodore—Machine Operator	99 Cross Street
Chamberlain, Leopold—Assembler	43 Lebanon Street
Chapdelaine, Dorida—Textile Worker	59 Fiske Street
Chapdelaine, Gedeon—Grinder	191 Worcester Street
Ciesla, Anthony—Contractor	292 Pleasant Street
Clemence, George H. Sr.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F.—Merchant	560 South Street
Collette, Viateur—Moulder	117 Cross Street
Costa, Sotir V.—Merchant	9 Curtis Street
Cournoyer, Aldori—Textile Worker	81 Pleasant Street
Cournoyer, Norman H.—Farm Hand	59 Fiske Street
Cottu, Wilfred	14 Roberts Street
DeAngelis, Philip—Draftsman	80 Sayles Street
Daigle, Alexander—Foreman	69 Highland Street
Dufault, Joseph—Laborer	156 Mechanic Street
Dulmaine, Walter—Retired	88 Pine Street
Dupaul, Leon A.—Foreman	250 Marcy Street

Duquette, Albert F.—Cutlery Worker	14 Worcester Street
Duphinais, Adelard—Polisher	199 Charlton Street
Desaulniers, Leo J.—Machinist	Lebanon Hill Road
Donais, Armand—Soldier	444 Worcester Street
Duquette, George—Grinder	Elm Street
Dumas, Alfred J., Jr.	986 Main Street
Eno, Arthur J.	76 Pine Street
Fafard, Wilfred—Back Tender	11 Columbia Street
Farland, Norman—Optical Worker	49 Coombs Street
Flood, Henry F. Retired—	300 Hamilton Street
Fontaine, Alpha—Truer	Amidown District
Gaumond, Harvey—Chauffer	144 Everett Street
Gagne, Alfred—Foreman	152 Worcester Street
Gamache, George—Knife Worker	105 North Street
Gaudette, Noe—Janitor	318 Hamilton Street
Gaumond, Armand—Trucking	711 Main Street
Gaumond, Eugene T.—Retired	16 Gardner Street
Gauthier, Valmore—Foreman	5 Fiske Street
Gendron, Albert—U. S. Marines	42 Thomas Street
Gendron, Raymond—Clerk	178 Mechanic Street
Genereux, Louis W.—Stem Fitter	206 Main Street
Graf, Peter F.—Foreman	38 Golf Street
Grenier, William—Defense Worker	53 Pleasant Street
Hackett, Howard—Engineer	61 School Street
Hebert, Armand F.—Machine Operator	55 Coombs Street
Hebert, Joseph A.—Truck Driver	3 Moon Street
Hetu, Louis—Janitor	48 Dresser Street
Holton, Frank B.—Retired	Elm Street
Julien, Joseph A.—Mail Carrier	733 Newall Avenue
Leduc, Arthur W.—Truer	117 Worcester Street
Lapoint, Lionel—Shipper	398 Worcester Street
Lacasse, Hormidas—Optical Worker	2 Lens Street
Lafleche, Albert—Foreman	59 Main Street
Lajeunesse, Edward—Millhand	21 Wall Street
Lamontagne, Henry—Unemployed	37 River Street
Lamothe, Charles D.—Moulder	23 Chestnut Street
Landry, Lectance—Painter	34 Lens Street
Landry, Victory—Press Worker	800 Worcester Street
Lataille, Frank—Optical Worker	284 Mechanic Street
Lataille, Joseph C.—Retired	39 Henry Street
Lavallee, Napoleon A.—Clerk	46 School Street
Lavallee, Adelard—Shear Tender	75 Crystal Street
Leblanc, Leon D.—Fixer	364 Hamilton Street
LePage, Adelard—Foreman	122 Litchfield Street
Libera, Joseph—Optical Worker	9 Ballard Court
Lippe, Clement—Optical Worker	711 Main Street
Loranger, Edward—Defense Worker	127 Pleasant Street
Loranger, Napoleon J.—Retired	18 Pine Street
Lynch, Charles—Inspector	26 School Street

Langlois, George—Optical Worker	11 Windsor Court
Lemoine, James—Press Operator	33 Henry Street
Lemoine, Ferdinand—Supervisor	22 Edwards Street
Lenti, Frank—Auto Dealer	16 Williams Street
Maloney, Philip—Bridge Maker	87 Edwards Street
Marand, Napoleon—Polisher	276 Mechanic Street
Mathieu, Isaac—Salesman	50 Coombs Street
Matte, Osa—Dyer	77 Moon Street
Mitchell, Irving—Clerk	47 Oliver Street
Monaco, James A.—Clerk	115 North Street
Monette, Moise G.—Clerk	50 Coombs Street
Moriarty, Timothy J.—Finisher	150 Pleasant Street
McDonald, Laurant—Grinder	23 Wardwell Court
Nichols, Thomas—Press Worker	29 Fiske Street
Normandin, Joseph—Truer	14 Dresser Street
O'Shaughnessy, John J., Sr.	164 Hamilton Street
Lucier, Leo—Painter	31 Randolph Street
Paquette, Walter—Janitor	Brickyard Road
Paquin, William—Inspector	32 Worcester Street
Patenaude, George J.—Warper	12 Pine Street
Paulhus, Albert—Gate Tender	199 Charlton Street
Paulhus, Theodore A. Jr.—Clerical	172 Mechanic Street
Parent, Joseph G.—Retired	348 Hamilton Street
Peloquin, Armand—Lens Polisher	86 Worcester Street
Peloquin, Felix—Wire Inspector	27 Coombs Street
Peloquin, Narcisse—Repairman	62 Green Street
Peloquin, Philip—Painter	216 Everett Street
Perron, Homer L.—Merchant	215 Marcy Street
Picard, Alfred—Optical Worker	402 Main Street
Pinsonneault, Richard—Inspector	35 South Street
Plouffe, George E.—Repairer	135 Marcy Street
Pratt, Walter W.—Farmer	873 Woodstock Road
Proulx, Charles F.—Carpenter	81 Mill Street
Proulx, Joseph D.—Cook	46 South Street
Palmerino, Julio—Weaver	41 Chestnut Street
Parent, Amie—Electrician	9 Hillcrest Avenue
Pasaj, Alphonse—Waiter	36 Pleasant Street
Pelletier, Norman H.—Optical Worker	2 Cross Street
Power, Christopher—Foreman	Meadowbrook Road
Raimondo, Bernard L.—Taxi Driver	21 High Street
Ravenelle, Raoul J.—Clerk	65 River Street
Richard, George—Grinder	142 Charlton Street
Roberts, Gerald G.—Superintendent	23 Oaks Avenue
Shea, William T.—Bartender	1 Hill Avenue
St. Germain, Joseph—Laborer	120 Sayles Street
St. Martin, George—Optical Worker	28 Coombs Street
St. Pierre, Rodolph J.—Machinist	10 Rose Street
Sansoucy, Leonard—Bookkeeper	449 Hamilton Street
Santo, Domin—Foreman	462 Elm Street

Stypulkowski, Anthony—Machine Operator	110 Sturbridge Road
St. George, Regnault—Machinist	38 Foster Street
Sullivan, John B.—Draftsman	40 South Street
Tavernier, Omer J.—Edger	10 Lens Street
Tetrault, Eugene—Clerk	53 Fiske Street
Trahan, Ovilla—Carpenter	16 Clark Street
Trudeau, Blaise—Retired	35 Central Street
Varin, Raymond—Foreman	110 Mechanic Street
Walsh, Vincent T.	48 Cohasse Street
Walsh, John S.—Carpenter	8 Summer Street
Welsh, Joseph F.—Optical Worker	4½ Windsor Court
Zisk, Joseph—Shipper	41 Water Street

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

In respectfully submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1947, we wish to confine ourselves to the major events of the year. Many of our duties are routine in nature and would be of little interest in a report. Regular weekly meetings of the Board were held for the purpose of handling the ordinary volume of business coming under our jurisdiction. Most of the time, at these meetings also, we granted interviews or hearings to individuals and groups having business to transact with the Town. We held special meetings on many occasions for the purpose of discussing current matters with various committees and departments.

Our aim during the entire year was to give the people good and sound government at a minimum cost. We wish to emphasize at this time that the tax rate is not determined by the Board of Selectmen and that we have little control over it. It is determined by the amount of money appropriated by the voters, and generally speaking, as was the case in 1947, most of the appropriations were made at the annual meeting.

We have tried, as much as possible, to eliminate special town meetings. There is always a danger that action taken at special meetings is not indicative of the will of the majority of townspeople. There is also the danger that extra burdens may be imposed on the taxpayers as a result of appropriations made at said meetings. However, for many reasons, it is impossible to eliminate them altogether. Because of unforeseen conditions which are not known at the time the budgets of the several departments are submitted to the voters in March, it becomes necessary to hold special meetings to meet those conditions. We have followed the policy, during the year, of inserting in warrants for special meetings only articles which were submitted to us by other municipal departments or articles which bore the necessary number of signatures to compel us to insert them. In fairness to the elected members of other departments, we felt morally obligated to call special meetings whenever the exigencies of their departments required prompt action.

The income of the Board for 1947 was \$16,930.50. It was received from the following items.

22 Wine and Malt	3,300.00
35 One Day Wine and Malt	35.00
2 Special Wine and Malt	17.00
4 Seasonal All-Alcoholic	600.00
127 Taxi Driver Licenses	127.00
40 Taxi Owner Licenses	40.00
51 Common Victuallers' Licenses	153.00
38 Sunday Store Licenses	114.00
18 Auto Dealer Licenses	54.00
4 Innholder Licenses	12.00
9 Lodging House Licenses	9.00

15 Storage Tank Licenses	7.50
3 Dry Cleaner Licenses	3.00
4 To Sell Fire Arms Licenses	12.00
67 Overhanging Sign Permits	67.00
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Total Licenses	\$14,800.50
Town Hall Rental	880.00
Court House Rentals	1,200.00
Lock-Up Rentals	50.00
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Total Rentals	\$2,130.00
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Total	\$16,930.50

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant and for that reason are not enumerated here.

Many problems were brought to our attention during the course of the year which came under the jurisdiction of other departments. These were referred to the proper departments and were taken care of expeditiously. We have found all other departments and officials to be very cooperative, thereby giving the people of Southbridge an efficient over-all administration.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Departments, committees and others who have co-operated with us during the year to promote good government.

ROSARIO ARPIN, Chairman

EMERY LAVALLEE, Clerk

WESLEY K. COLE

Board of Selectmen

# VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

Following the second report to be submitted by the Veterans Service Department concerning its activities.

We list here below the various services rendered to the veterans of Southbridge in the past year:

Allotment or Allowance	45
Civil Service	9
Burial	23
Compensation	4
Discharge	
Copy	11
Recorded	61
Education-Training-Rehabilitation	405
Employment	34
Filing for Bonus	114
Flags	2
Gratuity—6 months	3
Hospitalization	27
Housing	24
Information	12
Insurance	170
Legal	8
Loans	40
Medical-Dental	90
Miscellaneous	146
Notarization	539
Pensions	75
Photostat	1089
Readjustment Allowance	22
Social Security	4
Taxes	26
Terminal Leave	509
Unemployment Compensation	31
Veterans Benefits	156

During the course of the year, we have had a total of 3,679 veterans and their dependents avail themselves of the services of this office.

On two occasions we have had the pleasure in cooperation with the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Recruiting Officers in this area, to distribute 179 Victory Medals and 27 National Defense Medals.

In September of the past year, the Director of Veterans Services of this town, at the request of Governor Bradford, was appointed Field Agent for the Massachusetts Department of Labor, this Field

Agent to act as mediator between employers and veteran employees on questions of re-instatement rights.

In October, this Department acquired a photo-copying machine in order to render a more complete service. Prior to this date, the American Optical Company furnished us with copies of discharges, at no cost to the Town of Southbridge.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all Town Departments, local industries and all others with whose cooperation the services of this Department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BENOIT, Director

## HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The balance of our appropriation for painting and maintaining the Honor Roll is \$139.51.

The sum of \$277.32 was spent in keeping the 2nd World War Honor Roll clean and up-to-date.

We hope to have the list of names printed in 1948 so the town will have a record of Southbridge people who served in this War.

Respectfully submitted

BERNARD BEAUREGARD

RAYMOND BENOIT

RENALDO GUERTIN

DORIS LOISELLE

GEORGE WATSON

# AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Southbridge.

The Southbridge Airport Commission at the annual town meeting in March 1947 received no appropriation for maintenance activities at the airport and its activities therefore were confined during 1947 to encouragement of the present operator, Southbridge Skypark, Inc. During the year a new lease was negotiated which eliminated the feature committing future town meetings to maintaining the runways, etc. It was felt in view of the action at the town meeting that such future commitment was unwise and perhaps even illegal. The feeling of the members of your airport commission is that just as the duty of maintaining roads is implied in the function of town government, the duty of maintaining the runways of the airport is implied. At the time of this renegotiation the matter of rental was investigated further. Your chairman read the copies of all similar leases on file with the Massachusetts Aeronautical Commission. None of them are as favorable as the lease between the town of Southbridge and Southbridge Skypark, Inc. as regards income to the town from the operator. In some cases towns the size of Southbridge have built buildings in addition to the airport and have leased them to operators for much less than our rental. The fact that Southbridge receives a minimum rental that increases each year and in addition taxes on buildings erected by Southbridge Skypark, Inc. in an assessed valuation in excess of \$8,000 means that Southbridge is obtaining from the present type of operations an income quite in excess of any other town with a Class 1 airport in the Commonwealth.

As regards the future of Southbridge Airport there is a sink hole on the south side of the east end of the east-west runway that should be filled and grass seeded. The boulders left on the east end of this runway should be rolled by a bull-dozer down into the swamp to decrease the danger of a crack-up at this end. These two items can be taken care of for a sum less than the money received as rental and taxes this year and should be taken care of as they represent hazardous conditions, just as a bad hole in the road would.

The State Planning Board has listed Southbridge Airport as worthy of development into a Class 2 airport. It is obvious however,

that for various reasons this cannot be done for several years. Meanwhile feeder line operation must necessarily wait under the regulations of the CAA.

Southbridge Skypark, Inc. have conducted a fine operation that has been admired by all that have seen it. A sky meet that attracted 5,000 persons was held by them in the summer. Southbridge received considerable publicity for this and the operators should be thanked for their efforts.

Sincerely,

PHILIP GAUTHIER

DWIGHT K. BARTLETT, JR.

ALBERT J. DiGREGORIO

EDMUND A. RYAN

# REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration our yearly report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Complaints made in the first district court, total 656. Male 624, female 32.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries	56
Motor vehicle accidents with property damage	67
Motor vehicle licenses suspended or revoked	104
Parking violations with summons served	296
Persons reported missing and located	11
Doors or windows found open or unlocked	288
Radio messages sent out	706
Motor vehicles reported stolen and recovered	16
Lodging given to travelers	97
Property in charge of police department:	
Building and land estimated	\$60,000.00
Equipment estimated	6,000.00

In behalf of our officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all Town officials for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
ULRIC BRAULT  
Chief of Police

# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

In accordance with the law and custom I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1947. Giving names of members of the fire department. Values of properties under my supervision. Number of fires we responded to. Value of properties where loss occurred. Dates and locations of fires.

Also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$881.64.

I recommend an appropriation of \$100,683.97 for 1948.

We responded to 14 bell alarms and 413 still. Total alarms 427.

302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year, \$16,610.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings	\$449,000.00
Loss on buildings	42,050.32
Insurance on buildings	271,500.00
Insurance paid on buildings	41,535.32
Value of contents	90,800.00
Loss on contents	54,900.00
Insurance on Contents	27,448.66
Insurance paid on contents	24,643.66
Inventory of the Fire Department	
Two fire stations	\$75,000.00
Fire apparatus	\$38,000.00
Fire department supplies	9,500.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	7,000.00

## January

- 18 Still alarm at 8.00 p. m. Duchesneau Cafe at 26 Central St. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

## February

- 16 Still alarm at 4.50 p. m. Tenement at 82 High St. Owned by Charles Bruso. Caused by defective light fixtures. Insured.
- 23 Still alarm at 1.47 p. m. Tenement at 72 North St. Owned by Nazzarino Rizio. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- 25 Still alarm at 9.25 p. m. Tenement at 403 Main St. Owned by Vincent Lorenzo. Caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.

## March

- 19 Still alarm at 4.53 a. m. Tenement at 463 Main St. Owned by Alphege Cournoyer. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 21 Still alarm at 1.10 a. m. Platform near oil tanks. Owned

by Edmond Livernois. Caused by careless smoking.

## April

- 4 Still alarm at 4.20 p. m. Tenement at 69 Proulx Ave. Owned by H. E. Powell. Caused by woman stepping on match. Insured.
- 4 Box 25 at 7.28 p. m. Walker Coal Co. at off River St. Owned by Eugene Walker. Cause unknown. Insured.
- 4 Still alarm at 8.20 p. m. Hotel at 28 Pleasant St. Owned by Larry Thibeault. Caused by defective light fixtures. Insured.
- 5 Still alarm at 9.53 a. m. Tenement at 138 Mechanic St. Owned by B. F. Hamblin. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- 11 Still alarm at 8.29 a. m. Tenement at 274 Charlton St. Owned by Tremblay Estate. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- 13 Still alarm at 4.45 p. m. Tenement at 77 South St. Owned by Frank S. Chipman. Caused by sparks from chimney. Insured.
- 28 Still alarm at 9.37 a. m. Tenement at 114 High St. Owned by Loretta Nichols. Caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.

## May

- 12 Still alarm at 5.00 p. m. Martel Cleaners at 142 Hamilton St. Owned by Zenon Martel. Caused by sparks from motor. Insured.
- 12 Still alarm at 10.35 p. m. Tenement at 65 Morris St. Owned by Phillias Benoit. Caused by an automobile fire. Insured.
- 27 Still alarm at 10.22 a. m. Tenement at East Main St. Owned by Spiro Michael. Caused by spark from incinerator. Insured.
- 31 Still alarm at 8.53 p. m. Tenement at Pleasant St. Owned by Jessica Williams. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

## June

- 10 Box 414 at 6.12 p. m. Tenement at off Eastford Rd. Owned by John M. Wells. Caused by short circuit. Insured.

## July

- 17 Still alarm at 6.10 p. m. Tenement at 8 Crescent St. Owned by Oswald Meunier. Caused by short circuit. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 1.45 p. m. Shed and garage at 94 Cross St. Owned by Aristide Asselin. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 28 Still alarm at 1.55 p. m. Tenement at 79 Fairlawn Ave. Owned by Joseph Belanger. Caused by lightning. Insured.

## August

- 7 Still alarm at 11.20 p. m. Tenement at 32 Lovely St. Owned by Ovide Trahan. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 26 Still alarm at 1.33 p. m. Tenement at 374 Morris St. Owned by Arthur Peck. Caused by lightning. Insured.
- October
- 1 Still alarm at 8.15 p. m. Libuda's Service Station at 9 Main St. Owned by Standard Oil Co. Caused by matches thrown in waste basket. Insured.
- 3 Box 23 at 4.03 p. m. Tenement at 47 Litchfield Ave. Owned by James Halley Cause unknown. Insured.
- 15 Box 52 at 3.10 p. m. Tenement at 184 Morris St. Owned by Rosanna Gendron. Explosion caused by oil stove. Insured.
- 16 Still alarm at 11.40 a. m. Tenement at 4 Windsor Ct. Owned by John Confalone. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 9.30 a. m. Rear of J. J. Delehanty furniture store at 858 Main St. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 20 Box 57 at 4.46 p. m. F. X. Laliberte & Son storehouse on Beeches St. Caused probably by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 31 Still alarm at 10.16 p. m. Tenement at 346 Charlton St. Owned by George Metras. Caused by candles in window. Insured.
- November
- 8 Still alarm at 6.05 a. m. Tenement at 36 Park St. Owned by Mrs. Norman Price. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

## ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Deputy Chief

OSWALD MEUNIER

DANIEL DANIELS

### PERMANENT FIREMEN

Emile Caouette, Capt. Crew 2

Archie Langevin, Lt. Crew 2

Ernest Collette

Harry Gendron

Ovila Donais

Henry Desourdy

Arthur Marand

Alva Gregoire

Edward Boucher

Rodolphe Arpin

Biago Puccelli

Adrien Pouliet

Victor Caouette

### CALL MEN HOSE NO. 1

Hormidas Belanger, Capt.

Napoleon Fontaine, Lt.

Clarence Blais

Edward McNally

Hermas Lippe  
 Leopold Langlois  
 Elzear Dupuis  
 Stewart Casavant

Lionel Peloquin  
 James Dunn  
 Thomas Mannis  
 Gerard Fontaine

## CALL MEN AERIAL NO. 1

Ovide Desrosier, Capt.

Eugene Blais, Lt.  
 Napoleon Blais  
 Romeo Lippe  
 Normand Larochelle  
 Armand Durocher

Louis Ciprari  
 Raymond Dartt  
 Arthur Caplette  
 Bernard Sherry  
 Ronald Sherriff

## CALL MEN HOSE NO. 2

Adelard Lepage, Capt.  
 Alexander Daigle  
 Aime Ravenelle  
 Armand Gibeault  
 Roy Proulx

Eugene Gaumond, Lt.  
 Archie Matte  
 George Plouffe  
 Walter E. Kingsbury  
 Joseph Guignard

James C. Sandgren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Permits

Transporting Gasoline	1
High Explosives	10
Range Oil Burners	231
Power Burners	139
Open Air Permits	264
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	1
Decorations	14

### Inspections

Stores	127
Hotels and Boarding Houses	39
Tenement Houses	1700
Range Oil Burners	231
Power Oil Burners	139
Clubs and Cafes	57

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, Chief Oswald Meunier on behalf of the members of the fire department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

For the fire department  
Archie Langevin (Clerk)

## FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 28 alarms for forest fires in 1947.

Last year's appropriation was \$950.00.

The balance from last years appropriation was \$358.43.

I recommend an appropriation of \$1740.00 for 1948.

Fire Wardens salary \$200.00.

There were 264 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One forest fire pump with 4,400 ft. of 1½ inch hose	\$2,400.00
1,500 ft. of 1 inch hose	589.00
3—1½ inch shut-off nozzles	75.00
2—1 inch shut-off nozzles	40.00
8—Open end nozzles	54.00
One and one-half ton Ford truck	1200.00
One-ton Ford truck	150.00
Seventeen 2½ gallon extinguishers	119.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps	170.00
Two 2½ gallon hand pumps	30.00
Three ten quart pails	2.50
Twenty brooms	20.00
Two shovels	2.00

OSWALD MEUNIER  
Forest Fire Warden

### DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Daniel Daniels	Emile Gaouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

### REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$500.00 made for this department.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$131.41.

I recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 for 1948 for 2 ambulances.

In 1947 the Ambulance Department collected \$1,099.15

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips.  
Out of town trips at no charge:

Veteran's aid	1
Old age assistance	1
Public welfare	3
Abated	8
Southbridge	195
Worcester	55
Sturbridge	19
Charlton	14
Fiskdale	13
Brimfield	9
Boston	6
Grafton	6
Fall River	6
Dodge	2
Pomfret	2
Millbury	2
Springfield	2
Holland	2
Northampton	1
Quinebaug	1
Winchester	1
Framingham	1
Eastford	1
Thompson	1
Tewksbury	1
Brookfield	1
West Roxbury	1
West Woodstock	1
Pepperell	1
West Brookfield	1
Total trips for 1947	345

#### Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1 Cadillac Ambulance	\$5,750.00
1 Ford Ambulance	500.00
2 Spare Tires	55.00
2 Folding Stretchers	60.00
1 Orthopedic Stretcher	60.00
2 First Aid Kits	12.00
12 Blankets	60.00
1 Flame-proof Blanket	45.00
12 Sheets	12.00
12 Pillow cases	9.00
3 Pillows	7.50

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of Fire Department

# FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1948

3 Captains at \$175.00 each per year	\$ 525.00
3 Lieutenants at \$160.00 each per year	480.00
27 Regulars at \$150.00 each per year	4,050.00
1 Electrician per year	350.00
1 Clerk per year	125.00
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	\$5,530.00

## PERMANENT MEN

1 Chief at \$72.53 per week	\$3,772.00
1 Assistant chief at \$66.08 per week	\$3,455.58
1 Captain at \$64.96 per week	\$3,396.66
1 Lieutenant at \$61.53 per week	\$3,219.88
11 Regulars at \$60.41 per week	\$34,783.70
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	\$48,627.82

Gas and oil	350.00
Upkeep of apparatus	500.00
Upkeep of fire alarm	400.00
Equipment of men	400.00
Fuel	900.00
Lights, Lamps and Power	350.00
House repairs	325.00
House furnishings	200.00
Telephones	175.00
Water Supply	150.00
Laundry	150.00
Stationery	150.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Upkeep of radio	250.00
Men's training	200.00
Fire prevention	300.00
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	\$5,000.00

Ambulance	500.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Forest Fire Department	\$1,740.00
302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year	\$16,610.00

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

One 750 gallon pump	\$13,500.00
Four men 9 month salary	\$8,357.25
12 Reserve gas mask tanks at \$55.00 each	660.00
Out of state travel	150.00
Four fog nozzles at \$55.00 each	220.00
Repair brick work corner of building	350.00
Shovel snow around hydrants	150.00
Addition for ladder truck	8,050.00

# REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Herein is the Building report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

	No. Permits	Add. Families	Est. Cost.
Single family units	48	48	\$313,500
2-Apartment units	65	10	40,500
Commercial Buildings	6	0	46,150
Additions and Alterations	37	12	66,650
Private Garages	10	0	4,800
Miscellaneous	6	0	300
TOTAL	112	70	\$476,900

Respectfully submitted,  
ARMAND DeANGELIS  
Building Inspector

# REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Carroll Dean of the Gas and Electric and his staff for their fine cooperation. It has lightened my position very much.

There has been a great increase in wiring of all kinds, during the past year, and there is a promise of a larger quantity for this fiscal year.

There is one new Master Electrician and one new Journeyman who were licensed in 1947.

## WIRING DEPARTMENT

Permits issued for new buildings	70
Permits issued for additions to already erected building	37
Permits issued for addition to old work	800
Inspection while work is in progress	950
Recommendations to change wiring	50
Temporary permits (Christmas and others)	25
Permits issued for wiring oil burners	60
Permits issued for wiring Ranges	35

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR J. ENO  
Inspector of Wires

# REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1947.

Sidewalks Completed	Length	Built By
Elm Street	1000.76 L. F.	Highway Dept.
North Street	46 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Union Street	208.5 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Warren Street	711.7 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Green Avenue	527.0 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Sewers Completed	Length	Built By
Worcester Street	4276 L. F.	Ciesla Brothers
Proulx Avenue	1104.3 L. F.	Duff Brothers
Hillside Road	753 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Sewers Completed (Private Property)	Length	Built By
Maple Terrace	401 L. F.	Chartier Brothers
Gibraltar Avenue	1289 L. F.	Ciesla Brothers
Beecher Street	75 L. F.	Joseph Benoit
Drains Completed	Length	Built By
Clarke Street	935 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Lens Street	258 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Meadowbrook Road (Incomplete)	339 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
South Street Brook (near Bouvier Property to High Street)	1438 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
West Street School Drain	51 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Streets Regraded and Resurfaced	Length	Built By
Main Street (Oak Ridge Cemetery to East Main Street)	1021 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Main Street (Globe)	490 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
South Street (Main to Highland)	2500 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Darling Road (Surfacing Incomplete)	6500 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Veterans Housing Project	1570 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Swimming Pool		Built By Albert Arsenault
Bath House		Built By Southbridge Roofing Co.
Town Hall		F. X. Laliberte & Sons
Fire Escape		Built By F. X. Laliberte & Sons
Town Infirmary		Built By F. X. Laliberte & Sons
General Repairs		Built By Cyclone Fence
Athletic Field		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Fence		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Grading, Seed & Seeding		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Tennis Courts		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Dugouts		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.

Track	Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Grandstand (Piers)	Hussey Manufacturing Co.
Central Street Bridge	Built By
Wall Repair	Trahan Bros.
Fence Repair	Trahan Bros.
Street Bounds Set	
High Street (3)	Warren Street (1)
Elm Street (5) Reset	
Street Sidelines Given	
Water Suply Co. (10)	Telephone Co. (12)
Worcester County Electric Co. (9)	
House Numbers Given	
Morris Street (2)	Worcester Street (1)
Charlton Street (10)	Wall Street (2)
Elm Street (4)	Hillcrest Avenue (1)

#### New Plans and Estimates for 1948

South St. (Reconstruction)	Elm St. (Resurfacing and Recon.)
Central St. (Resurfacing)	Hartwell St. (Resurfacing)
Charlton St. School (Surfacing-Drain)	Oliver St. (Sidewalk)
Eastford Rd. School (Surfacing-Grading)	Durfee St. (Sewer)
Cole Trade School (Surfacing Driveway)	Lebanon Hill (Sewer)
West St. (Sewer)	Ashland Ave. (Sidewalk)
Forest Ave. (Sewer)	East Main St. (Sidewalk)
Violet Ave. (Sewer)	Marcy St. (Resurfacing)
Dresser St. (Reconstruction)	

#### Establishing Lines, Grades, Plans and Description of the Following Streets

Violet Avenue	Adeline Street
Belmont Street	Kingsley Street
Hudson Avenue	Woodycrest Avenue
Cole Avenue	Roger Street
Marsh Street	Goddard Court

### INVESTIGATIONS

Sewers	Drainage
Sewer Disposal Plant (Funds for)	Swimming Pool
Hillside Road (Release)	Fire Station
	West Street
	Cross Street

### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Eastford Road (Chapter 90)  
 Brickyard Road Bridge (Chapter 90)  
 Mechanic Street (Chapter 90)  
 Elm Street (Court Hearing—Duff Bros. vs. Town of Southbridge)  
 Federal Housing (Hydrant Location)  
 Cisco Street (Relocation)  
 Foster Street (Town Parking Lot)  
 Assessors Dept. (Calculations for)  
 Town Dump (Lease)

Town Property (Checking Deeds for Town Hall and All Schools)  
Permits to Open Streets (109)

PRELIMINARY SURVEYS

Durfee St. (Relocation)

Brick Row

River Street School (Property Lines)

Maple Terrace

Ballard Court (For Acceptance)

West St. (Relocation)

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all Town Departments for the continued cooperation given me and the Engineering Department during the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted

HENRY A. RACICOT  
Town Engineer

# SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Swimming Pool Committee wishes to report the following on its activities for 1947:

The pool was opened to the public on July 9 and closed September 1, 1947.

The daily attendance for the month of July was: Boys 5180, Girls 2156, Adults 779, Total 8315.

The daily attendance for the month of August was: Boys 4835, Girls 2639, Adults 1482, Total 8956.

A sum total of 17,271 persons for the season.

One-hundred and ten children signed up for swimming instructions.

A Water Day was held Aug. 31 and the following events held that day were: 200 yds. Free Style, Undewater for distance, Diving contest, 100 yds. Free Style, 50 yds. Backstroke, 200 yds. Relay, 50 yds. Backstroke, Kiddies race 15 yds.

Fifty-five Beginner Swimmer's awards were given. Five Junior Red Cross Saving awards were given. Three Advanced Swimmer's awards were given.

Money for the prizes given was furnished by the Exchange, Civitan, Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The following equipment was furnished for general improvement of the pool: Diving board platform was lowered to ten feet as required by law. First Aid Kits, Flutter Boards, Throwing Rings and Blunt Hook Pole were furnished.

The water of the pool was chlorinated in accordance with requirements set by the State Department of Public Health.

The Life Guards in attendance for the season were Lionel Clements, Supervisor; Thecla Fitzgerald, Edward Desroche, Raoul Lataille, and William Nickerson.

The Bath House was constructed by contract and is now ready for use. Considerable grading has been done around this bath house and on portion of land which was given to the Town of Southbridge by Marcy Bartholomew. The meter pit was constructed as voted.

The retaining wall along the dam, from which many swimmers dive, has been faced so as to do away with the erosive action of the water against the dam. It will also save many bathers from getting cut from the rough edges and protruding stones.

All provisions required by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to pollution have been referred to the local Department of Public Health, which assures us that all possible is being done to remove all sources of pollution.

The committee, at a joint meeting with the Recreation Com-

mittee, voted to recommend the passage of an article creating a central agency for the handling of the maintenance and operation of the Swimming Pool and Athletic Field. The complete recommendation will be found in the annual report of the Recreation Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
HENRY A. RACICOT, Chairman  
LEOPOLD LEMMELIN  
ARMAND DeANGELIS  
DR. RAYMOND HALING

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Last year I sprayed the town elm trees for elm leaf beetles. The work was done with very good results. This spraying should be done every year to control the beetles.

I did some trimming, bracing, cabling and cavity work on trees that were in bad condition.

If any citizen should notice any unusually dangerous condition of a tree, he ought to notify the tree warden promptly. Any co-operation will be appreciated.

I shall always be ready to serve you.

Respectfully yours,  
WILBUR WILSON,  
Tree Warden

## GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Last year, we found and exterminated 8,286 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall extermination. Inspection was restricted only to trees under town's jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds.

I find the moth situation somewhat better since we have been spraying the trees.

Respectfully yours,  
WILBUR WILSON,  
Moth Superintendent

# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge ,Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Taxes:

Levy of 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$684.00
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Payments to Treasurer			\$684.00
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Taxes:

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$24,060.04
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Payments to Treasurer	\$24,026.95		
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Abatements	4.19		
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Tax Title	28.90		\$24,060.04
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Taxes: Levy of 1947			\$762,045.11
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Payments to Treasurer	\$723,594.40		
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Abatements	8,424.99		
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Tax Title	229.22		
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947	30,286.19		
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Refunds	\$762,534.80	\$489.69	\$762,045.11
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Excise Taxes

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$255.06
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Commitments of January			633.75
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			\$888.81
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Payments to Treasurer	\$853.80		
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Abated	49.29		
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Refunds	\$903.09	\$14.28	\$888.81
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Excise Taxes

Levy of 1947

			\$31,625.98
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Payments to Treasurer	\$29,691.51		
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Abated	1,072.10		
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947	1,173.64		
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	\$31,937.25		
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Refunds		\$311.27	\$31,625.98
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Sewer Assessments

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$53.67
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Payments to Treasurer	\$21.82		
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Added to Tax Title	\$31.85		\$53.67
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Sidewalk Assessments

Levy of 1947

			\$192.34
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947			\$192.34
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Sidewalk Assessments Interest

Levy of 1947

			\$11.54
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947			\$11.54
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Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$65.46
Payments to Treasurer		\$65.46
Sewer Assessment Interest		\$8.18
Levy of 1947		
Payments to Treasurer		\$8.18
Special Sidewalk Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$1,695.78
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,330.77	
To be added to taxes	365.01	\$1,695.78
Special Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$6,403.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$3,491.53	
Abated	1,569.84	
To be added to taxes	1,342.57	\$6,403.94
Interest and cost on Taxes and Assessments		
Levy of 1945		\$ 31.41
Levy of 1946		563.74
Levy of 1947		71.75
Costs of sale		10.00
Added Interest on Sewers		15.63
Demands		104.30
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		\$796.83
Grand total collected in 1947		\$784,886.37

I wish to thank the Townspeople and various Town Officials for their co-operation.

MEDERIC DUHAMEL  
Tax Collector

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1947	\$ 347,264.01
Receipts for 1947	1,614,366.10
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1947 Disbursements	1,961,630.11
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 225,407.66

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1948	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 1947
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	152,490.00	54,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	44,000.00
15,000	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	30,000.00
8,000.00	Hamilton St. & Main St. Paving Loan	1946	41,600.00	32,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	30,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	35,000.00
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\$46,000.00				
		Total		<hr/>
				\$225,000.00

## POST WAR FUND

21¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
21¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds date June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	150,000.00
Interest received through December 31, 1947	10,514.33
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Total Fund	\$160,514.33

## CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1947	Int. 1947
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 57.50
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	37.12
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	29.06
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00

New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	50.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	6,434.25	108.68
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
Wincheson Savings	3,000.00	82.50
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Savings	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	97.50
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapam Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00

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	\$75,577.45	\$1,696.64
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Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1947

\$74,577.45

Added to Fund, 1947

1,000.00

Cemetery Fund—December 31, 1947

75,577.45

### TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1947	Int. 1947	Balance Dec. 31, 1947
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	401.16	8.06	409.22
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	1,335.01	26.83	1,361.84
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	15.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	22.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Hannah Edwards Fund			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	85.00	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

# REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947. All appropriations voted since 1946. Tax rate fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town

Clerk to be raised by taxation \$965,654.15

Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1946 since

1946 tax rate was fixed. 110,647.53 \$1,076,301.68

Deficits due to abatements in Excess of overlay of prior years. Chapter 406, Acts of 1943. 1944, \$6.00; 1945, \$2.00

Total Deficits 8.00

Any other amount required to be raised.

Voted in 1946 to be taken from the 1947 levy 18,577.48

STATE: Tax and Assessments 1947

	1947 Estimates	1946 Underestimates	
State Tax	\$12,250.00		
State Parks & Reservations	1,006.97	\$377.62	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	627.16		
State Examination of Retirement System	40.51		

\$13,924.64 \$377.62 14,302.26

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

County Tax 33,891.02 628.28

Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment 20,207.13

\$54,098.15 \$628.28 54,726.43

OVERLAY of Current year 15,313.91

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,179,224.76

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts for the year 1947 \$306,546.83

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Amounts and dates of Approval by Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation

\$ 19,276.00—July 2, 1946

8,592.62—Sept. 11, 1946

26,809.18—Nov. 14, 1946

1,214.58—Jan. 2, 1947

44,755.15—April 3, 1947

10,000.00—May 2, 1947

\$110,647.53

110,647.53

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$417,294.36
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$761,935.40
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Number of Polls 6,749 at \$2.00 each	Tax \$ 13,498.00
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Total Valuation: (Tax Rate \$51.40)	
Personal Property—\$2,405,575.00	123,646.55
Real Estate—\$12,155,410.00	624,788.07
Gain on Account of fractional divisions of Tax Rate	2.78

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$761,935.40
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ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE DETERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE

Betterment and Special Assessments	
Sidewalk Assessments in 1947	\$1,695.78
Sewer Assessments in 1947	6,403.94
Betterment and Special Assessments added to Taxes	203.88
Sewer Assessment in 1947 and Interest	73.64

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	8,377.24
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF TAX RATE	\$770,312.64
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

May 26, 1947—Polls 17 at \$2.00	\$34.00	
Side walks Assessment in 1947 and Interest—	203.88	
Warrant to Collector, May 26, 1947		34.00
December 15, 1947—Polls 11 at \$2.00	22.00	
Warrant to collector, December 15, 1947		22.00
December 15, 1947—Personal Property	24.67	
Warrant to Collector, December 15, 1947		24.67
December 15, 1947—Real Estate	29.04	
Warrant to Collector, December 15, 1947		29.04

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL and REAL ESTATE	\$14,560,985.00
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TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL SEWER, and SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS for 1947	\$770,422.35
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VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

FOR 1947	\$1,158,698.00	
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1947	31,625.98	
Warrant to Collector for 1947		31,625.98
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR 1947 INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES	15,719,683.00	

TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1947	802,048.33
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VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals	\$1,772,310.00
Town Property	1,706,765.00
U. S. Post Office Property	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00
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	\$3,721,325.00

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 4654

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS  
JOSEPH LaFLECHE  
CHARLES NORMANDIN  
Board of Assessors

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report.

The number of General Relief recipients did not vary much over the previous year, but due to the upward trend in the "cost of living" the expenditures have increased over the previous year.

The average monthly case load for the year 1947 was fifty-six cases, representing one hundred and eighteen persons. The General Relief expenditures were \$27,483.75, reimbursements were \$7,717.54 net cost to town \$19,766.21.

The Child Welfare Service is still under the supervision of Mrs. Edith R. Cushing, serving the Towns of Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge.

The Infirmary under the able supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Dowling, cared for nineteen inmates, seventeen of which were males, and two females. The Board, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling wish to take this opportunity to thank the various organizations and individuals who so kindly devoted some of their time entertaining or by providing "extras" to the inmates, thus making it possible for them to look upon the Infirmary as a home rather than as an institution.

The Aid to Dependent Children Program, under Chapter 415, Acts of 1946, it is mandatory to allow the budgetary standard recommended by the State Department of Public Welfare. As of December 31, 1947, nineteen cases were active, representing forty-four children. Seven cases were added during the year and seven cases were closed. No application rejected, and one applicant withdrew her application.

The amount expended in 1947 for the Aid to Dependent Children Program was \$21,641.81, reimbursements were \$14,108.05, net cost to town \$7,533.76.

The following table shows the number of persons aided, expenditures, reimbursements, and net cost to the town in all categories supervised by the Board of Public Welfare.

	General Relief	Aid to Dep. Children	Old Age Assistance
No. Persons	120	63	234
Total Expenses	\$27,483.75	\$21,641.81	\$128,109.01
Reimbursements	7,717.54	14,108.05	102,940.03
Net Cost to Town	19,766.21	7,533.76	25,168.98

Respectfully submitted  
 HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman  
 MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Clerk  
 OVIDE DESROSIERS, 3rd Member  
 H.H. Michon, Agent  
 Bureau of Old Age Assistance

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance herewith submits its annual report.

On January 1, 1947, two hundred and eleven aged citizens were receiving Old Age Assistance, as of December 31, 1947, two hundred and thirty-four were aided. Sixty-two cases were added during the year, thirty-nine cases were closed, three cases rejected, and two applicants withdrew their applications.

Total expenditures were \$128,109.01, reimbursements were \$102,940.03, net cost to town \$25,168.98 or \$9.24 per month for each recipient aided.

According to Chapter 118A, of the General Laws, which provides adequate assistance to Old Age Assistance recipients, the State Department of Public Welfare revised in 1947 the Standards of Assistance in conformity with the high cost of living. As allowances granted are mandatory by law, all cases were revised to meet these new standards.

Respectfully submitted

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman  
MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Clerk  
OVIDE DESROSIERS, 3rd Member  
H. H. MICHON, Agent  
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Problems concerning the welfare of 126 children in 48 families in the Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton area were referred to the Department during 1947. A carry-over from 1946 of active problems concerning 191 children in 63 families made a total of 317 children in 111 families handled by the Department during the year. Complete services were rendered 188 children in 69 families and the cases discharged, leaving a balance December 31, 1947 of 129 children in 42 families.

Counseling and supervisory service rendered was of many and varied types, including 27 boarding camp placements as well as assistance to District and Probate Courts, School Departments and other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman  
Child Welfare Services  
EDITH R. CUSHING,  
Child Welfare Worker

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

## VITAL STATISTICS

Total number of births registered	625
Total number of deaths registered	194
Total number of marriages recorded	299
Marriage intentions recorded	272

## MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneers	5
Bowling and Poll	6
Garages	116
Gasoline	34
Junk	9
Peddlers	16
Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$313.00

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Number of licenses:	
Males	642
Females	85
Spayed Females	199
Kennel	3
Total licenses issued	929
Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,981.20

## SPORTING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	1,009
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	367
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	556
Resident Citizens Women's & Minors' Fish. Lics.	354
Resident Citizens' Trapping License	1
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	17
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	19
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	5
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	5
Duplicates	18

Number of licenses issued	2,352	
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$4,647.25

The following licenses were issued FREE.

Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses	65
Resident Citizens' Old Age Assist. Fish. Licenses	15
Resident Military or Naval Ser. Sport. Licenses	11
Total number of licenses issued	2,443

## LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN, 1947

Cloutier, Armand of 400 Main St.  
 Pratt, Willis of 700 Woodstock Rd.  
 Pezzetti, John of 7 Glover St.

Kurposka, Mitchell of 65 Crystal St.  
 St. Martin, Arsene of 23 Chapin St.  
 Ziu, Thomas of 46 Morris St.  
 Talbot, Ernest of 34 Hamilton St.  
 Beaupre, Alonzo of 31½ Twinehurst Place  
 Renaud, Israel of 173 Cliff St.  
 Parent, Joseph C. of 348 Hamilton St.  
 Fontaine, Hermingilde of 86 Chestnut St.  
 Girard, Wilfred of 222 Mechanic St.  
 Renaud, George of 149 Mill St.  
 Gaumond, Harvey W. of 141 Everett St.  
 Boulanger, Alfred of 149 Charlton St.  
 Allard, Ernest G. of 83 Elm St.  
 Lemire, Napoleon of 30 Taft St.  
 O'Shaughnessy, John H., Sr. of 164 Hamilton St.  
 Blanchette, Omer of 40 Cross St.  
 Paul, Wilfred of 45 Union St.  
 Monaco, James of 115 North St.  
 Holton, Frank B. of Lebanon Rd.  
 McDonald, Laurent of 20 Wardwell Ct.  
 Pasaj, Alphonse of 36 Plimpton St.  
 Chamberlain, Leopold of 43 Lebanon St.  
 Fontaine, Alpha of Amidown Dist.  
 Loranger, Edward of 127 Pleasant St.  
 Fleed, Henry of 300 Hamilton St.  
 Varin, Raymond of 110 Mechanic St.  
 St. Martin, George of 28 Coombs St.

#### MEETINGS HELD DURING 1947

1—Annual Election of Town Officers	March 3rd
2—Recount for Selectmen	March 12th
3—Special Town Meeting	July 1st
4—Special Town Meeting	September 22nd
5—Special Town Meeting	December 22nd

Respectfully submitted

CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk

# REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 6th, and organized as follows: Raymond F. Haling, M. D., Chairman; Ernest Tetreault, Clerk; Robert W. DeJordy, D. S. C., Publicity Director. Twelve regular and four special meetings were held during the year.

From a preliminary survey of food and drink establishments, made by the district sanitary officer, assisted by our own inspector, we found that the percent of average sanitary efficiency was less than 45%, with only four of these business places meeting all requirements. In order to raise the standard and eliminate as much as possible the health hazards concerned with poorly handled food, the Board of Health decided, with the cooperation of the State Department of Health, to have a course of six lectures for the training of food handlers. Over three hundred and fifty attendance cards were distributed to owners and personnel of food establishments. Personal contact between our inspector and owners was also resorted to in an endeavor to stimulate an interest in the objectives of the proposed course. Considering the attendance was less than five per cent, the Board feels that this very aptly emphasizes the fact that the complacent and haphazard way of the past must be replaced by more exact standards in food handling. In order to maintain a program of this kind, it will necessitate periodic inspections and tests.

Although the Board of Health has always had charge of the garbage disposal, we find in many communities that this function has been transferred to other departments, since the collection itself is not directly concerned with health. It is the opinion of the Board that some of the funds allotted this project could be used to better advantage in promoting health education and services, such as increasing the personnel of the department so that more time may be devoted to field work.

Numerous complaints come to this office during the year; many do not pertain to health, but are nuisances causing ill feeling between neighbors. The complaints concerning domestic animals and poultry are continuously increasing. The conflict in most instances arises from the allotment of locations in restricted areas. Insofar as the Zoning by-laws are not too clear on this matter, it is impossible for the Board of Health to definitely settle these disputes or grant permits without a certificate of occupancy.

The local ruling for the pasteurization of milk sold in this community became effective April 1st. This measure is most important in the prevention of milk-borne diseases. Our routine testing and analyzing of milk is for the purpose of assisting milk dealers and producers to maintain proper standards.

This year it was necessary for the Board of Health to enforce recommendations made by the State authorities concerning polluted areas in the vicinity of the swimming pool. Inasmuch as the elimination of the source of pollution comes under our jurisdiction, a certain fund was transferred to this department to care for same.

In conclusion, the members of the Board of Health wish to state that every effort was made to fulfill their obligation to the community in promoting health and sanitation. We thank all who have co-operated with our appointed officers.

Respectfully submitted

RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.

ROBERT DeJORDY, D. S. C.

ERNEST TETREAULT

## To the Board of Health

Southbridge, Massachusetts

The following is the report of examinations in the Parochial Schools for the year ending December 31, 1947.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Total children examined	179
Defects requiring notices	71
Carious Teeth	55
Enlarged Tonsils	45
Tonsils removed (corrected defect)	11
Ears (Cerumen)	5
Eyes corrected with glasses	10
Infected Eye-lid	1
Cervical Glands	2
Skin (Acne)	4
Heart	1

### STE. JEANNE d'ARC SCHOOL

Total children examined	325
Defects requiring notices	93
Carious Teeth	78
Enlarged Tonsils	67
Tonsils removed (Defect corrected)	24
Ears (Cerumen)	15
Eyes	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	15
Skin (Acne)	4
Impetigo	1
Cervical glands	6
Heart condition	3

### NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Total children examined	555
Defects requiring notices	159

Carious Teeth	137
Enlarged Tonsils	91
Tonsils removed (Defect corrected)	24
Ears (Cerumen)	6
Eye squint	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	11
Skin (Acne)	11
Impetigo	2
Cervical glands	10
Heart	2

Respectfully submitted,  
 RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.  
 Parochial School Physician

## REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PODIATRIST

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I submit my report as Board of Health Podiatrist for the year ending December 31, 1947.

A total of 1102 children were examined in the three Parochial Schools and 165 of these children were found to have defective feet. The parents of these children were sent a notice calling their attention to these defects.

It is gratifying to note a decrease in the number of ailing feet this year for the first time since this program was inaugurated. This shows an awareness on the part of the parents, to the importance of good foot health and the necessity for correcting defects at an early age.

Following is a tabulation of defects found during the examinations:

Anidrosis	2
Bromidrosis	1
Crebro-Spastic palsy	1
Allergic Dermatitis	1
Acute Dermatitis	4
Chronic Dermatitis	2
Follicular Dermatitis	1
Depressed Anterior Arch	9
Flatfoot acquired	21
Flatfoot congenital	7
Acute Epidermophytosis	2
Chronic Epidermophytosis	3
Hallux Valgus	2
Heloma Durum	17
Hyperhidrosis	13
Impetigo	1
Infected Heel	1
Knock Knees	6

Pronated Foot	14
Overlapping Toes	4
Underlapping Toes	5
Onychomadesis	1
Onychomycosis	1
Polydactylism	1
Pes Cavus	1
Pes Planus	2
Retracted Toes	15
Tylosis Plantar	6
Verrucae	4
Weakfeet	17

I wish to thank Miss Houle, the Board of Health Nurse, the Sisters of the Schools and all who have helped make this program a success. Their co-operation and good will have made working with them a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D. S. C.

# REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending December 31, 1947.

## TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

On the third Wednesday of every month, specialists from the Rutland State Sanatorium conduct a chest clinic in the Board of Health rooms in the Town Hall. Patients are referred by written request from the Board of Health, Doctors, Welfare departments and Supervisors of Child Guardianship. Each person is examined and X-rayed; the findings and recommendations sent to their own physician. The X-ray is the most valuable aid in pulmonary tuberculosis because it often shows disease long before it has developed far enough to be detected in any other way. Physical examination is most likely to be useful if the disease is advanced, or in non-pulmonary forms.

The ex-sanatoria patients find the clinic convenient in following their routine check-up, also for the contacts in the household.

Two hundred and thirty-eight were examined—representing thirteen towns and twenty-six physicians.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Our annual Toxoid clinic for immunization of diphtheria started March 25th, and was concluded May 27th. During this period, one hundred and sixty-two children received three doses of Toxoid, three weeks apart.

Due to the increased amount of diphtheria in the state, it was considered advisable to further protect with a booster dose of toxoid, all children immunized more than three years ago. Since so many parents requested this service for their children, it was necessary to hold these clinics in the following schools: Eastford Road, Marcy Street, West Street, Charlton Street, Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Ste. Jeanne d'Arc.

Four hundred and ninety-seven children received a booster dose of toxoid.

## DENTAL CLINIC

Beginning in October and continuing through May, the dental clinic is opened on Mondays and Tuesdays from nine to eleven-thirty. The first grade pupils in the parochial and public schools with the necessary permit are admitted at the beginning of the year, in an attempt to start as many as possible with good teeth and regular dental habits. Six year molars and fissures are filled and temporary teeth extracted when necessary. The second, third and fourth grade pupils report on scheduled time, while emergencies in the selected grades are always admitted.

pupils report on scheduled time, while emergencies in the selected grades are always admitted.

The teachers, parents and pupils greatly appreciate this service, and those concerned have noticed a vast improvement in oral hygiene among school children. Although we care for a small percent of the total school population, we endeavor to teach each pupil who attends the clinic, the real value of a wholesome mouth in the maintenance of good health.

Number of children who reported to clinic	584
Number of extractions	10
Number of fillings	180
Number of cleanings	551
Number entitled to certificates	300

#### PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

According to the recommendations of the State Department of Public Health, the Board of Health, in co-operation with the school department, held four clinics in June. The first two were for registration, in order to give the parents an opportunity to have their children's medical history recorded, and to discuss any social or behavior problem that might handicap them in their school work. The last two for their physical examination by the school and Board of Health physicians and the dentist serving in the dental clinic. One hundred and one attended the clinics.

One thousand and fifty-nine parochial school children were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. All defects noted were recorded and reported to the parents.

For the last few years, the State and local Health authorities feel that these examinations are inadequate, so this year, an act to improve the standards of the physical examinations of school children has been presented by Dr. Moore, for 1948 Legislative recommendations. This bill would enable physicians to give each school child a more thorough physical examination.

A hearing test was conducted in Notre Dame School with the 4C audiometer, for all pupils beginning with the third grade. The 4C audiometer test is a detection process—it screens out those whose hearing is open to suspicion by accurately recording the amount of hearing loss.

Since the success of these tests depends a great deal on the silence of the immediate environment, it is necessary to do this work in a separate room. Groups of twenty were tested at the same time. Children who failed to record numbers below a certain level had to take a second test.

The Lions Club provides a mid-morning milk lunch for fifty-three parochial school children. The parents of these children appreciate this gesture, and I herewith wish to express their sincere thanks.

Five girls, four were contacts to tuberculosis and one underweight, spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp. During that time they lived according to a carefully planned schedule, so

that they may have eleven hours of unbroken rest. The camp is maintained by the sale of Christmas seals. Funds from this source are also used to supply a nurse to assist at the consultation clinic.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were quarantined and placarded according to local requirements. Visits were made to each case and instructions given to prevent the of the disease.

At this time, I wish to thank the members of the Nurses' Aide Corps for services rendered in the clinic, also any other organization or individual who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

# REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Anterior Poliomyelitis	2	Chicken Pox	43
Dog-bite	23	German Measles	6
Malaria	1	Measles	8
Scarlet Fever	14	Paratyphoid	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	Other Forms Tuberculosis	2
Whooping Cough	5	Lobar Pneumonia	1

Total 111

List of deaths in Town, for which this office has issued permits for burial.

## DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	16	Coronary Sclerosis	3
Chronic Myocarditis	1	Coronary Thrombosis	22
Congestive Heart Failure	5	Hypertensive Heart Disease and Auricular Fibrillation	1
Coronary Heart Disease	1	Auricular Fibrillation	1
Coronary Occlusion	5	Rheumatic Heart Disease	1
		Myocardial Infarct	4

## DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Apoplexy	4	Cerebral Thrombosis with Hemoplegia	1
Cerebral Embolism	1	Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage	13	Hodgkins Disease	1
Cerebral Thrombosis	4		

## DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of Lungs	3	Hypostatic pneumonia	1
Atelectasis of Lungs	2	Metastatic Carcinoma of left lung	1
		Carcinoma of Lungs	1
Bronchopneumonia	4	Pulmonary Hemorrhage	1
		Lobar Pneumonia	1

## DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Acute Liver Failure	1	Chronic Glomerular Nephritis	1
Adenocarcinoma of descending Colon	1	Diabetes Mellitus	2
Carcinoma of Intestine	5	Diarrhea	1
Carcinoma of Kidney	1	Intestinal Obstruction	1
Carcinoma of Pancreas	1	Mesenteric Thrombosis	4

Carcinoma of Stomach	1	Perforation of Colon Generalized Peritonitis	1
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## DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of Cervix of Uteri	2	Septicemia—Kidney and Bladder infection	1
Carcinoma of Prostate	1	Tuberculosis of Bladder	1

## ALL OTHER DISEASES

Carcinoma of Eye with Metastasis	1	Peritonitis	1
Cardio-Vascular Renal Disease	2	Pulmonary Atelectasis	1
Lympho-sarcoma	1	Stillborn	14
Prematurity	2	Sudden deaths presumably Coronary Thrombosis	4

## ACCIDENTAL

Asphyxiation due to inhalation of milk	1	Fracture of ribs with perforation of left lung	1
Asphyxiation from inspiration of vomitus	1	Suicide by gunshot	1
Asphyxiation by strangulation	1	Suicide—Hemorrhage abdominal gunshot	1
Extensive burns of body, face and neck renal failure	1		

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

# REPORT OF THE FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During last January, upon the request of your Board, Mr. Theodore Shepardson, the South-Central District Sanitary Officer of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, assisted by your own inspector, made a sanitary survey of the eating and drinking establishments of Southbridge.

The purpose of the survey was to evaluate the present restaurant sanitation program, and to make recommendations for expanding and improving this program. A similar survey was made in January of 1944, but no written report with all details was ever submitted by the state department to your Board, except the sanitary ratings of the places visited.

In the interval between 1944 and 1947, your Board has adopted the recommended regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health governing eating and drinking establishments.

In the survey of January 1947, Mr. Shepardson and your inspector found, that out of the twenty-three items of sanitation listed on the score sheet which added up to a total of 100%, the fifty establishments we visited, rated an average of 60% in compliance, compared to 48% in the 1944 survey.

It must be realized that the regulations your Board has adopted are the minimum requirements necessary for the protection of the patronizing public, and an average of 90% or more, would have indicated a reasonable compliance to these regulations. Instead, we found that only two items were fully complied with, but these particular items did not reflect any direct credit on the owners of these establishments.

In an endeavor to raise the sanitary standards of these places, your Board inaugurated a series of three illustrated lectures for the benefit of food and drink handlers, from April 21st, through April 25th.

Four articles of publicity were written for publication in our local newspaper, and we distributed more than 350 attendance cards to the owners and other personnel of these establishments upon the expectancy that at least one hundred of these people would realize their responsibilities to the public and make an effort to improve their sanitation methods.

The attendance to these lectures, after three years of talk, recommendations, inspections, consultations and publicity, not to mention the number of bacterial tests made, reached the following astonishing, not to say humiliating, total:

Attended one lecture	18 persons
Attended two lectures	10 persons
Attended all three lectures	8 persons

This was after we had received in March, a detailed report from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the results of the January survey, giving us an average score of 60%. Considering the comparatively small number of those who attended all three lectures and saw the pictures, which, by the way, were not as dry and dull as would be expected, and contemplating the large amount of sanitation work yet remaining to be done, your inspector wished to call your attention to some of the most outstanding and glaring facts about these surveys and reports.

For instance, all establishments still show a 100% violation as to toilet facilities, all being without self-closing doors and hand-washing signs, even after three years of discussions on this item alone.

Item 8, which is Lavatory Facilities, had 39 violations, which comprised of no hand-washing convenience other than the dish-washing sink. Others lacked soap or sanitary towels. The importance of the personal cleanliness of food and drink handlers cannot be too strongly emphasized, and the use of hand-washing facilities and sanitary towels is an elementary essential to this end.

Bacterial treatment had 47 violations, or 94% of the fifty establishments visited had food containers, utensils or equipment which were not clean or had not been subjected to bacterial treatment.

On the other hand, we found that all establishments purchased wholesome foods, but the credit for this item should go to the storekeepers.

All establishments also had a safe public water supply entering the building, all due credit to the Southbridge Water Works, but in too many places very little was done by the personnel to make sure this supply remained safe and sanitary.

Any patron of our eating and drinking places can see for himself what yet remains to be done. From January to October 1st, the state department of Public Health conducted surveys in sixty-seven communities outside of Boston, including Southbridge, in which only ten of these localities received a sanitary rating of 80%, or more, with Southbridge rating 60%.

While our rating for this 1947 survey shows a slight improvement over 1944, the improvement is not really significant. There is much to be done before Southbridge will have a satisfactory restaurant sanitation program. The adoption of a strict set of regulations is a practically useless step, unless accompanied by an active inspectional and educational program.

The recommendations made by the state department of Public Health, as submitted in its report of March 19th, should be followed out before anyone may expect to raise the sanitary standards of our eating and drinking establishments.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON  
Food Inspector

# REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Alterations and maintenance alone kept all contractors busy during the first few months of the year. Although materials are somewhat more plentiful than during the war, numerous items are still scarce, if not non-existent altogether, and we could also provide steady employment for more licensed plumbers in this community.

There has been a sharp increase in installations of complete bathrooms, washing machines and water heaters of all types.

As in all other lines of business, a large amount of new work is planned for next year, and if material shipments increase in quantity and frequency so as to more closely meet long-standing back-logs, we should be exceedingly busy in 1948.

During the year 1947, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

	New	Used
Lavatories	187	10
Water Closets	191	11
Bath Tubs	128	5
Kitchen Sinks	130	4
Laundry Trays	21	1
Sink and Tray Combinations	49	0
Shower Pans	24	0
Urinals	11	1
Slop Sinks	2	0
Industrial Sinks	5	0
Soda Fountains	2	0
Drinking Fountains	1	2
Battery Washing Fountains	2	0
Meat Show Case	1	0
Garbage Disposal Units	3	0
Sewage Lifts	1	0
Dental Cuspidors	2	0
Electric Water Pumps	3	0
Beer Dispensers	3	0
Washing Machines	27	1
Dishwashing Machines	1	0
Foot Baths	1	0
Air Conditioning Units	3	0
Grease Traps	3	0
Hot Water Tanks	95	2
Tankless Water Heaters	27	0
Hot Water Coils	26	0
Electric, Gas, Oil and Coal Water Heaters	64	1

# Water Piping and General Plumbing Repairs

33

## FIXTURE TOTALS

876

39

Number of Permits granted

387

Number of Inspections made

713

Number of Water Tests

65

Number of Unfinished Jobs

73

We also inspected the installation of 21 Septic Tanks; 3 Cess-pools; 12 Sewer Connections, and 11 Floor Drains.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to those civic-minded citizens who, through their firm belief in law and order, co-operated with us in enforcing the health laws and regulations of our state and community.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON  
Inspector of Plumbing

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

We hereby present the report of our activities during 1947, as follows:

We quarantined 23 dogs for the usual 14 days on suspicion of rabies infection.

For Mastitis, or Garget, 27 heads of cattle of various grades and value were disposed of by sale, butchering, or otherwise.

We verified the ear-tag numbers of tuberculin tested and the Bang's disease certificates of 49 heads of cattle imported from various states into our community for exhibition, dairying, or slaughtering purposes.

We also visited the farms or premises of 54 of our townspeople who keep and maintain livestock, and found the following number of animals and conditions:

Cattle of various grades and ages	370 heads
Horses	76 heads
Goats	10 heads
Sheep	6 heads
Swine	33 heads

Total heads 495

We requested the owners of several premises to clean and whitewash their stables, remove accumulations of manure, and correct faulty ventilation or poor lighting conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON  
Inspector of Animals

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

There has been a continued sharp decrease in local slaughtering again this year, but at present, the trend is leveling off to what will eventually be a slight increase over our average pre-war level. Of course, the high price of grain and other feeds also deters many people from raising the few heads of livestock which they formerly produced principally for their own use.

This part of our country is not favorable to raising livestock for meat purposes on a large scale, due to several reasons, physical and economical. Nevertheless, it is significant that local slaughtering, as in the depression years of 1930 and the recent war years, tends to fluctuate up and down in relation to the supply and market price of meats available through our local commercial channels.

We were present and assisted at the slaughtering of the following:

Cattle	58
Calves	167
Hogs	115
Sheep	23
Goats	2
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Total	365

We confiscated 3 carcasses of beef and 2 carcasses of hogs and condemned 117 pounds of meat as unfit for human consumption.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Slaughtering

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Your rules and regulations relating to the pasteurization of milk and cream, new type bottle-caps and the use of milk-carrying vehicles went into effect on April 1st of this year.

Some of these rules and regulations were grudgingly accepted by both dealers and consumers, and at first, considerable confusion and misunderstanding developed, but conditions were ironed out after several special hearings held by your Board.

As you know, the purpose of constantly repeated inspections, tests and analyses is to discover faults, find the cause, and apply corrective methods. To be of any value, these corrections must be made effective at the source of the trouble and be accompanied with

subsequent verifying tests and analyses on the finished products.

The pasteurizing process is not to be considered as a universal cure-all for every ailment of the dairy industry, but rather as an additional safeguard which kills all pathogenic bacteria that may have multiplied in the milk before processing. This process does not otherwise add one iota to the intrinsic or nutritional value of the milk or cream, except that it increases somewhat the keeping qualities of the product.

With the above well-established facts in mind, your inspector has always been of the opinion that the emphasis, or the greater amount of effort should be applied at the dairy farm where the milk is produced, rather than at the dealers' vehicles at the time of delivery to consumers.

The production of clean, safe milk at the farms, properly cooled and transported in clean vehicles to the receiving plant where it is adequately processed and bottled under sanitary conditions and thereafter protected from subsequent contamination should be, and is, our aiming point. A product cannot be any better than the materials it is made from.

Therefore, in submitting this report, the total numbers of samples, tests and analyses are given, as well as the number of samples which fell short of the established standards or which were altogether unsatisfactory.

During the year, we were able to gather 142 samples of milk or cream, which we tested and analyzed as follows:

**TESTS FOR BUTTER FATS:** 129 samples

18 were below the state standard of 3.35% by weight.

**TESTS FOR SOLIDS OR MINERALS:** 76 samples

46 were below standard which is 12% by weight. Note—This type of tests for solids is not for dietary purposes, but merely to ascertain whether the milk was diluted or skimmed.

**KEEPING QUALITY TESTS AND GRADING:** 126 samples

Divided as follows: 58 good; 28 fair; 13 poor; 27 unsatisfactory.

Total 126.

**POSPHATASE TESTS:** (To determine if milk is thoroughly pasteurized) 2 were positive, or not pasteurized 43 samples.

tive, or not pasteurized.

**MICROSCOPIC BACTERIA COUNT:** 118 samples

39 were high, or excessive (No microscopic state standard).

Note—The Standard Plate Count of Bacteria by which the state standards are set cannot be performed by your inspector due to reasons which your Board is acquainted with.

**MASTITIS: SEROLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPIC:** 17 samples

13 were found positive and the cows eliminated from production.

We also granted the following licenses:	
Pasteurization Plants	5
Milk Dealers (Vehicles)	14
Milk Dealers (Stores, Restaurants)	83
Ice Cream Manufacturing	2
Oleomargarine, Licenses and Registrations	68

Respectfully submitted  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON  
Inspector of Milk

# PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.

Your Planning Board herewith submits their report for the year 1947.

The Board wishes to thank Mr. J. George Page, past Board member and chairman for his unselfish work on the Board the past several years. Mr. Page did not seek re-election in 1948. The Board welcomes Mr. R. Gaulin, the new member of the Board. One of the official acts of the Board was to change the meeting nights from every other Tuesday to every Monday for the convenience of the citizens. The Board has worked in co-operation with the Board of Selectman and the Chamber of Commerce in the study of the advisability of installing parking meters in town. The Board made a study of the proposed widening of Goddard Street and is co-operating with the Board of Selectmen in regards to this widening. The Board held a conference with the Chief of Police with regards to improving the traffic flow in town. In co-operation with the Department of Public Works the Board has had several Stop signs installed at the intersection of Dresser and Marcy Streets, Mechanic and North Streets and Oakes Avenue and South Street. Diagonal parking was recommended for the Globe Village area, also a crosswalk from Mill Street to High Street. The Board requested the Building Inspector to check on several zoning violations and had them corrected.

The Board granted a conditional approval to Martin Krasowsky and others for the laying out of Gibraltar Avenue, Walter Street and George Street. A change of Zone was made of Morris Street from a Single Family Zone to a Two-Family Zone, also one from a Two-Family Zone to a Retail Zone. The Board approved both changes. The Board held a conference and conducted a field survey of the Fire Alarm System.

Considerable more work has been given us due to the enactment of Chapter 340 Acts of 1947. A committee was formed of members of the Board and various Veterans organizations to study the need for Housing for Veterans in Southbridge.

The Board attended several meetings of the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Town Engineer and other town officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully yours

J. GEORGE PAGE, Chairman

BERNARD L. RAIMONDO, Secretary

EDWARD SEREMET

GEORGE S. DUQUETTE

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Town of Southbridge,

Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of your Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board acted from a safety factor and recommended and approved a change of Business property of Mr. George Duquette on Lebanon Hill, by changing a retail store from one building to an adjoining building on the same premises.

Respectfully submitted

PETER GRAF, Chairman

EDWARD SEREMET, Secretary

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

Board of Zoning Appeals

# RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

During the year 1947 the Municipal Athletic Field project started in the Fall of the previous year on the town owned tract of land on Dresser Street progressed satisfactorily although considerably hindered by an unusually rainy season.

The draining, grading, layout and seeding has been completed as well as the Tennis Courts, Tract, and Dugouts for Baseball. The Fence, also, is completely erected except for the area where the Field House will be located.

The following is a brief summary of amounts expended on the project during the past year:

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$81,466.09
Cost of completed work	\$33,957.21	
Less amounts due but not yet paid	8,798.68	
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Balance Dec. 31, 1947		<hr/> \$56,307.56
Further work contracted for is as follows :		
Baseball grandstand and bleachers		\$15,551.00
(Seating capacity approximately 1600)		
Field House and entrance		23,215.00
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Total		\$38,766.00
Balance for Football Stands		\$8,742.88

Work has been started on the foundation for the permanent Baseball Grandstand which is to be completed by April 1, 1948. The portable bleachers will be erected at the same time and completion of this will make the field available for baseball this Spring.

While construction of the Field Houses and Entrance got away to a poor start because of adverse conditions, it is anticipated that this project will also be completed early this Spring. At this time when all bills have been paid, the stands for Football will be contracted for. The seating capacity will be determined by the sum remaining from the original appropriation of \$100,000.

Inasmuch as the Recreation Committee's authority is confined solely to the construction of these facilities and that the field will be ready for use early this Spring, it will be necessary for the citizens of the town to vote to create an authority for the operation, maintenance and future construction of this Athletic Field.

To the end that the best interests of the Town be served, it was suggested that this authority be vested in a committee which would also have responsibility over the operation, maintenance

and future construction of the Swimming Pool. After consulting with the Swimming Pool Committee through Mr. Henry Racicot, Town Engineer, and subsequently approved by the Swimming Pool Committee, the following recommendation was adopted:

That the committee established under Article 12 at the Special Town Meeting of December 13, 1943 and designated as the Recreational Committee and Committee established under Article 21 at the Annual Meeting of March 10, 1941 and designated as the Swimming Pool Committee be discharged and a new committee appointed.

This new committee to be known as the Southbridge Recreation Committee and to consist of 15 voters, 5 of which will be the 3 Park Commissioners, The Building Inspector and the Town Engineer, whoever they may be, 5 of which will be appointed for 2 years, 5 of which will be appointed for 1 year. The appointments to be made by the Board of Selectmen and succeeding appointments to be made for 3 years as terms expire or as necessary to fill vacancies from any cause. The Committee will elect its own chairman.

This committee is hereby authorized and instructed to supervise the future construction, operation and maintenance of the municipal Athletic Field and Swimming Pool. They are to make rules for the use of these Recreational Facilities, fix rentals, and concession fees, accept gifts to the Town for these facilities and so operate them that the income received by the Town will eventually equal the cost of these facilities plus the net operating and maintenance appropriations made at this or future Town Meetings.

The General Committee is hereby also authorized and instructed to reserve the use of the Athletic Field for the School Department Athletic Program, said program to be submitted to general committee no later than April 1st of each year for Spring and Summer Activities and no later than August 31, for Fall and Winter Activities.

This committee will elect from its own membership an operating sub-committee of 3 members who are to directly handle the details of the operation of the Municipal Athletic Field and an operation sub-committee of 3 members to directly handle the details of the operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool and who are to report to the General Committee at least once each month, these sub-committees to carry out the policies laid down by the general committee. The general committee may also appoint other sub-committees to carry out any other details as seem advisable.

The administration is to conform to State, local and Federal laws and regulations as to admissions, tickets, and public safety. Accurate records of daily attendance and gate receipts shall be kept of the use of these facilities and copies of these records

shall be furnished to sponsoring organizations, if any, and to the Town Treasurer.

No member of this committee may be paid any money for services on materials pertaining to these facilities unless a copy of a vote of the general committee authorizing each payment is filed with the Town Accountant.

Rental or other income shall be paid directly to the Town Treasurer and all payments shall be made by the Town Treasurer on properly approved warrants.

The general committee may make such rules for their own guidance, attendance and publicity as may be voted in any meeting of that committee.

The Committee further recommends that in order to complete the Municipal Athletic Field project, that Dresser Street from Marcy to Sayles Streets be re-surfaced and a sidewalk constructed.

We would also like to point out at this time the desirability of the Town acquiring the property known as Alumni Field and to develop this as a play field for that area of the Town.

In conclusion, your Chairman would like to express his appreciation and thanks to the members of the committee and other town officials who have so generously donated their time to the furtherance of this project.

Respectfully submitted

HECTOR P. LeCLAIR, Chairman

LEOPOLD POIRIER, Secretary

Joseph Piasta

Norman Leblanc

Emil Martin

Anthony Deterando

Roland Langevin

Lorenzo Beaupre

John Farland

Albert Simonds

Rev. Walter Kraft

Albert Renna

Alton K. Marsters

# WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.

Following is an account of the expenses for the maintainance of Memorial Park in the year ending December 31, 1947.

Labor for cutting grass, trimming shrubs, and snow removal	\$181.49
Electricity and water	17.30
Spraying trees	78.50
Material and supplies	85.35

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$362.64
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Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR A. ROY  
OVILA DONAIS  
JAMES MURPHY  
ARTHUR CABANA  
LECTANCE LANDRY  
ROSARIO ARPIN  
Trustees

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of the Park Commission for the year ending December 31, 1947.

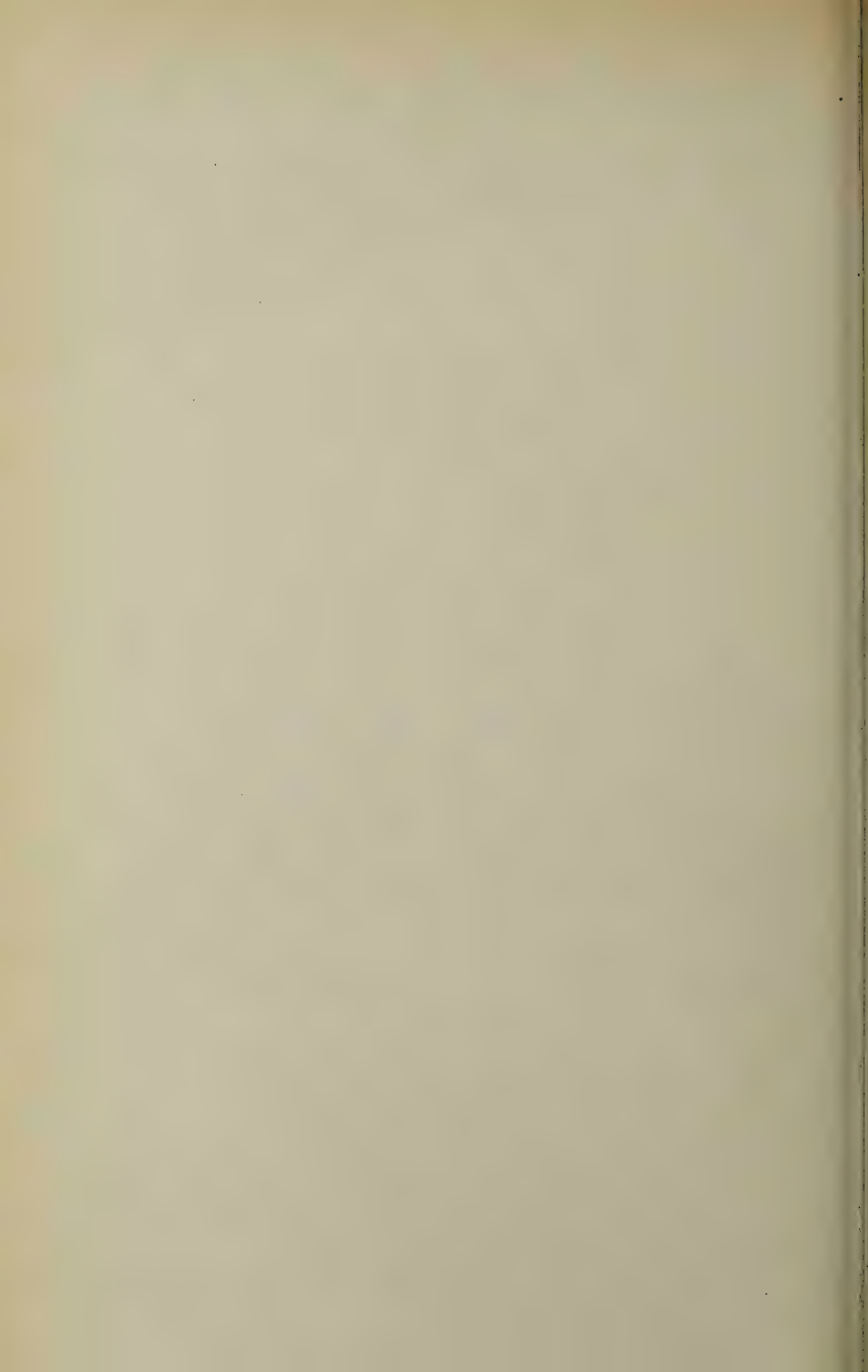
May, June, July, August, September, care of Legion Plots

Labor	\$228.66
Loam	19.25
Rope	5.00
Total Expenditures	\$252.91

Respectfully submitted

JOHN FARLAND  
WILFRED GAUTHIER  
ROLAND LANGEVIN





# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## TRUSTEES

For the Town

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

John O. Martin

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

## LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1948:

Monday-Friday—10.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M.

Saturday — 10.00 A. M. to 6.00 P. M.

Closed 1948:

January 1

New Year's Day

May 30

Memorial Day

July 4

Independence Day

September 6

Labor Day

November 11

Armistice Day

November 25

Thanksgiving Day

December 25

Christmas Day

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Annual report time is here again, and again it is hard for the librarian to become articulate enough to summarize and record the activities of the library for the year. She can list statistics of circulation, new books added to the library, new borrowers registered, but people take these things for granted, and they give but little indication of the time, energy, money involved, and of the services rendered by a library which are impossible to measure by figures.

Perhaps it might be of interest to try to picture just what processes are involved in the selection, purchase, and preparation of every book before it can be charged out over the counter for home use. First, its selection is to be considered. The librarian, of course, cannot read every book someone asks for. Even if it were humanly possible to read every book before adding it to the library collection, she could not, of course, trust her individual judgment on that of her staff about books on every subject under the sun. She must rely on critics, specialists in their field, and their opinions of the books to be considered. Therefore before passing judgment on whether or not a book should be bought for the library, the librarian must consult book reviews if it is a current book in question, or the several standard aids to book selection for public libraries. After the decision is made regarding its purchase, the

book must then be ordered from a book store or publisher. Upon receipt of the book and the bill for it, the book is processed for library use. It is opened properly and carefully to prevent later breaking down of the binding, the buying information (price, source and date) is written in the book, it is embossed with the library stamp and a pocket is pasted in the front. Then comes the actual classifying and cataloging of the book. Possibly Library of Congress or Wilson printed catalog cards have been ordered for the book. If so, the job is greatly facilitated. If not, the librarian must verify the correct form of the author's name, must decide upon its classification, and if it is non-fiction, a Dewey Decimal classification number must be assigned to it and also a Cutter or author number. The librarian must then decide under what subject headings the book must be entered in the card catalog and also what other entries must represent the book in the catalog besides the author, such as title, editor, joint author, illustrator, etc. The book is then ready to go to the typist to have the proper cards typed for this public catalog, and a card for the office record, and a book card. Finally, after the book, if non-fiction, has been marked on its spine with the call number (classification number and author number) and, if fiction, with just author and title inside, it is put on the shelves for public use.

This process was followed for 1558 new titles added to the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library in 1947. 1497 people registered at the library this year to borrow these and other books. 3126 borrowers registered in 1945 and 1946, making a total of 4633 borrowers registered in the last three years which is the period of activity of each borrower's card. This shows that only 25% of the people of Southbridge are registered borrowers at the public library. These 4633 borrowers borrowed 91,441 books for home use. 29% of all borrowers are children and they borrowed 27,106 books or 29% of the total circulation.

Again it should be pointed out that a library's service to a community cannot be judged by statistics alone. No count is made of the users of reference books, newspapers and periodicals in the reading and reference rooms. Children and young people crowd the rooms day after day using library facilities both for school use and personal pleasure, sometimes to the distraction of more mature readers! Innumerable questions are answered and others given careful attention and sometimes hours of research even if the answer is elusive.

Book Week, as usual, brought its reward in increased use of the facilities of the children's rooms and in the appearance of new faces encouraged to come to the library by Miss Hazelton's visits to the public schools. Two hundred and forty new borrowers of grammar school age registered this year. The circulation of 3045 children's books during the month of November is an indication of the possibilities which lie ahead when a trained children's librarian can operate from a well-equipped separate children's department devoted entirely to children's needs and interest. Over 2000 of the

present 5369 books in the children's room are difficult for the children themselves to find and consult because they are shelved in narrow aisles of stacks. Still others are on high shelves out of reach of short arms or crowded tightly into too small a space. When these things are remedied it is safe to say service to the children of Southbridge can be increased 100%.

The library staff now consists of four full-time members. Mrs. Hilda Heather joined the staff in March on a part-time basis and after completing a six-weeks summer course in library science returned to the library in September in a full-time capacity as reference librarian. Mrs. F. H. Niklason, nee Ruth Desmarais, resigned in June and Miss Mary Ann Hazelton replaced her as children's assistant the end of August. The library and its friends and patrons as well as the people of Southbridge as a whole were shocked and saddened by the loss in August of Jean Small from its part-time staff because of her contraction of infantile paralysis. It is the hope of the staff that next summer will find her back, smiling and willing as ever to help.

The librarian and her staff are grateful to the users of the library for their cooperation and friendliness. It is their hope that more people of Southbridge will be added to the group of library users in 1948.

#### STATISTICAL RECORD

Library		Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of founding		1871
Population served		17,561
Days open during year		307
Hours open each week		63
Number of volumes January 1, 1947		31,170
Number of volumes added		1,710
New	1,558)	Including 435 books by gift and transfer from Rental Collection
Replaced	152)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost		935
Number of volumes December 31, 1947		31,945
Number of registered borrowers		4,633
Number of volumes lent for home use		91,441
Largest circulation for one day (December 1)		578
Smallest circulation for one day (December 24)		129
Average circulation per day		297.85

#### LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Elaine Van Norstrand
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
General Assistant	Gertrude Peloquin
Acting children's librarian	Mary Ann Hazelton
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonventura

PART TIME STAFF

Phyllis Horne  
Lois LePage  
Marcia Small

Panyota Kraly  
Helen Rowley  
Barbara St. Martin

Respectfully submitted  
Elaine Van Nostrand  
Librarian

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT  
THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1947 Receipts and Expenditures

1948 Budget Estimate

ITEM	1947 Receipts	1947 Expenditures	1948 Budget
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c	12,000.00		
Special (Equipment)	1,000.00		
		13,000.00	
Less Refund to E.&D. a/c		169.74	
		12,830.26	
Transfer to 1948 Special Appro.	1,000.00		
		11,830.26	
MYNOTT FUND			
Bal. Jan 1, 1947	55.81		
Receipts 1947	20.00		
	75.81		
Disbursements	30.98	30.98	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1947	44.83		
TRUSTEE FUNDS			
Bal. Jan. 1, 1947	89.67		
Receipts			
Edwards Trusts	4,721.33		
Bradford Trusts	97.36		
Interest Spec. Res.	160.00		
	5,068.36		
Trans. to Spec. Res.	1,000.00		
	4,068.36		
Operating Balance			
Dec. 31, 1947	743.17		
	3,325.19	3,325.19	
SPECIAL RESERVE			
Jan. 1, 1947	9,000.00		
1947 Addition	1,000.00		
	10,000.00		
Total 1947 Receipts	15,186.43		

ITEM	1947		1948
	Receipts	Expenditures	Budget
EXPENDITURES			
PAYROLL			
101	Librarian		
102	Assistant or Acting Librarian		
103	Regular Employees		
104	Part-time Employees		
105	Sunday Opening		
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		8,395.52	9,300.00
BUILDING OPERATION EXPENSES			
150	Payroll — Janitor		
151	Payroll — Janitor's Helper		
301	Fuel		
302	Light		
303	Water		
304	Supplies		
305	Removal Ashes, etc.		
306	Miscellaneous Expenses		
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		3,254.93	3,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES			
401-402	Telephone, Stationery and Postage		
403	Desk and Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
407	Miscellaneous		
		<hr/>	
		400.58	400.00
351	BUILDING MAINTENACE	47.07	200.00
352	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	61.16	75.00
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS			
201	Books )	2,878.20	3,000.00
202	Periodicals )		
250	BOOK REPAIRS	148.97	200.00
EQUIPMENT			
501	Furniture & Fixtures		200.00
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	Totals	15,186.43	16,875.00
Special Appropriation for Building Repairs and Improvements (A)			
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			1,000.00
			<hr/>
			\$17,875.00

(A) Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years—at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year.—Involves Lighting, Heating, and Renovation.

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946, but was granted for 1947. Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

Approved by Trustees,  
The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

W. M. EDWARDS  
GERTRUDE W. SMITH  
O. J. LALIBERTE  
JOHN O. MARTIN  
NERIO W. PIOPPI  
W. W. CRAWFORD  
ARTHUR KAY

## 1947

	1947		1948	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	Budget
	Amount	%	Amount	Amount
Town-Normal Basis	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,800.00
Town-Special Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,00.00
Town-Cr. to E&D a/c			169.74	
Trustee Funds				
(Edwards)	13,000.00	73.1	13,000.00	77.9
Trustee Funds	4,680.00	26.9	4,680.00	21.9
(Mynott)			11,830.26	77.2
			*3,325.19	22.8
			30.98	.2

Total	17,680.00	100.0	17,680.00	100.0	15,186.43	100.0	17,875.00	100.0
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If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,340.94) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1947 (\$10,489.32) is 69.09% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1948 of \$4,075.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 77.2% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 71.6% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interests of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded thru the addition of a building to be used as a children's library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 has been set up as a capital outlay for 1948—all or a part of this amount to be raised by a Bond issue.

This needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available to adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

(\*) Difference between Appropriation of Trustee Funds and 1947 Disbursements is accounted for by Purchases of Equipment not received or billed in 1947 but will be paid from Trustee Funds in 1948. Also, payments for payroll from Trustee Funds were below our calculation due to the labor situation.





ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Southbridge, Mass.

For the year ending  
December 31, 1947



## ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1947-1948

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street	1948
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street	1948
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill	1949
Ernest Boyer, 251 Marcy Street	1949
Paul H. Benoit, 236 West Street	1950
William J. Brunell, 153 Charlton Street	1950

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William L. Bourgeois      Residence, 172 Dresser Street  
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M. Superintendent is available for conference by appointment. Call 365.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street      Tel. 1108

### SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street      Tel. 984  
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street      Tel. 32

### SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 110 Pine Street      Tel. 2579

### SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street      Tel. 1674-J

### SCHOOL CALENDAR—1948

Winter term, seven weeks	January 5—February 20
Spring term, seven weeks	March 1—April 16
Summer term, eight weeks	April 26—June 18
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 8—December 23

### NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7.15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7.15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12.30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12.30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

"No-School" signals will be broadcast over WTAG at 6.55 A. M., 7.00 A. M., 7.28 A. M., and 7.45 A. M.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1947.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total expenditures	351,168.36	
Total receipts returned to Town Treasurer	69,567.81	
Net Cost to Town		281,600.51

In Detail:

Receipts to School Department appropriation	356,661.26
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government	4,865.18
George-Deen Fund	451.75
George Barden Fund	432.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	243.00
	189.00

Total Funds Available

362,167.19

# EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL		10,608.75
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:		
Transportation	12,372.00	
Tuition to other schools	436.84	
Compulsory attendance	401.77	
School doctors	1,861.87	
School nurse	2,412.21	
Medical expenses	471.04	
Total—Auxiliary Agencies		17,955.73
HIGH SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	65,723.84	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies	1,198.41	
Textbooks	3,113.84	
Other expenses	723.94	
Operation of plant	11,445.78	
Maintenance of plant	938.24	
Capital outlay	463.50	
Total—High School		83,607.55
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:		
Instruction salaries	114,104.08	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	1,328.31	
Supplies	3,912.23	
Other expenses	481.52	
Operation of plant	19,228.00	
Maintenance of plant	2,449.18	
Capital outlay	371.73	
Total—Elementary Schools		141,875.05
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	61,853.29	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	281.33	
Supplies	3,533.52	
Other expenses	1,315.79	
Operation of plant	7,605.74	
Maintenance of plant	1,550.09	
Capital outlay	1,657.11	
Total—Vocational School		77,796.87
ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	1,441.50	
Instruction expenses	28.93	
Operation of plant	35.00	
Total—Elementary Evening School		1,505.43
EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL		
Instruction salaries	2,540.20	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	26.77	
Supplies	299.97	
Operation of plant	213.25	
Maintenance of plant	25.75	
Capital outlay	4.08	
Total—Evening Vocational School		3,110.02
HOUSEHOLD ARTS :		
Salaries	5,534.50	

Textbooks	60.26	
Supplies	349.06	
Maintenance	36.90	
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Total—Household Arts		5,980.72
CONTINUATION SCHOOL:		
Salaries	307.83	
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Total—Continuation School		307.83
VISUAL AIDS:		
Salaries	170.00	
Supplies	29.40	
Maintenance of plant	84.34	
Capital outlay	406.20	
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Total — Visual Aids		689.94
PLAYGROUNDS:		
Instruction salaries	2,828.15	
Other expenses	1,309.39	
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Total—Playgrounds		4,137.54
RETIREMENT FOR SERVICEMEN		188.11
CONTINGENCY FUND		3,404.82
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Total Expenditures		351,168.36
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1947		10,998.83
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		\$362,167.19
Massachusetts School Fund	13,252.50	
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	12,332.15	
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	1,924.33	
Vocational School—General Vocational	9,696.97	
Household Arts—State Grant	1,883.08	
Continuation School—State Grant	226.92	
Adult Civic Education	598.25	
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	424.58	
Worcester Evening Industrial School	10.80	
Lynn Vocational School	20.00	
Boston Trade Preparatory Classes	50.06	
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund	4,843.04	
George-Deen Fund	399.00	
George Barden Fund	432.00	
High School Tuition	9,514.55	
Elementary School Tuition	1,208.02	
Vocational School Tuition	12,486.53	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold	362.07	
Refunds	145.96	
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Total		69,810.81
George Barden Fund—Balance, December 31, 1947		243.00
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer		69,567.81

The fiscal year 1947 was a more effective one in the operation of our public schools. It was equally more challenging to the best efforts of every member of your School Committee and your Superintendent.

The following pages contain the record of activities which were made possible by the generosity of the taxpayers of Southbridge. From this record the citizens of the town may learn what progress has been made and how the funds have been expended.

The citizens have shown their concern in the maintenance of a strong school

system and have borne testimony that they realize how intimately the welfare of a community may be associated with its schools. Our citizens have demonstrated their willingness to provide the best in public education in spite of heavy costs. It was a gratifying expression of their confidence in their school officials; in turn, the members of your School Committee continue to show their willingness and their intent to give their utmost in dealing with the all-important task of teaching our children, as well as the effective management and operation of our school system in these troubled times.

In carrying out its many obligations, your School Committee has had to face and settle many problems of profound importance during the past year.

1. **BUDGET.** The budget for 1947 was substantially higher than that of any previous year. Operational costs have soared—and are not yet stabilized. The sums requested, far from being excessive, permitted the administration to undertake a reasonable amount of needed repairs and to resume some form of adequate maintenance so that the physical plant should not impede the educational processes.

Two special articles in the Town Warrant permitted the school department to meet the minimum requirements of the Massachusetts Departments of Health and Public Safety, by making the necessary alterations and renovations at Marcy Street School, and by installing "emergency lighting" in certain public school buildings. A third article permitted the rebuilding in part and the improvement of the playground area at West Street School. The overall school costs to the town for 1947 were further raised by the inclusion of the needed funds to meet the deficit of 1946, as voted at the Special Town Meeting in December, 1946.

2. **SALARIES.** The problem of salary readjustment has given the School Committee great concern. It is fortunate that our school system already has in effect the "single salary schedule" which is in operation since 1943. It now meets the requirements of recent enactment by the Legislature, General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 40, as amended and this was the law that the voters sanctioned by a substantial majority at the last election.

The problem is actually to place teachers' salaries, as well as those of other school personnel on an equitable basis with those of other occupations. Much has been done, and is being done in the state and in the nation to increase the salaries of our public school teachers to the level of a profession. Southbridge must remain within reasonable limits while maintaining a position commensurate with its resources, and comparable to other cities and towns of like size throughout the Commonwealth.

For the many other considerations that could be made at this time, particularly from the educational standpoint, your attention is called to the report of the Superintendent, and the heads of the various departments. We are certain that much has been accomplished and that marked progress is being duly made in the improvement of our entire educational system.

We are only too well aware of the fact that a large proportion of the town tax is required for school purposes. We are equally certain that every penny is put to good use. We must consider the school appropriation not as a tax but as an investment. Are we not dealing in our most precious commodity—our children—and we anticipate a good return on our investment in the development of the intelligent citizens of tomorrow.

In conclusion, I wish to express my intense appreciation to my colleagues on the School Committee for their staunch support. I wish to join the members of the Committee in expressing our appreciation to our Superintendent, Mr. William L. Bourgeois, for his invaluable assistance, and to the entire personnel of the School Department for every conscientious effort and all efficient work during the past year. Through the efforts of all it has been possible to maintain and even raise the desired standards in our school system. We are indebted to the other Town Departments who always extend courteous cooperation in our mutual relations.

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

Chairman, School Committee

There are also plans in the High School to see materialize a school BAND. The activities to defray the expense of instruments, and of uniforms later, are being sponsored by the Southbridge Rotary Club, to whose members we are deeply grateful.

#### THE SCHOOL BUDGET

The Town Meeting of March 1947, voted the School Department the largest amount ever appropriated for general school purposes. It became possible to initiate a more nearly proper and adequate operation of the Public School system.

In meeting his sacred obligations, the taxpayer has assumed a tremendous burden. Too long has real estate been made to bear the brunt of this burden. As educators and administrators, we are well aware of this fact; we must constantly study the source from which school funds are derived. Definite plans have been made and bills engrossed to seek relief from the Commonwealth at the coming session of the Legislature by some form of financial aid, commonly called STATE AID, that the burden of educational costs may be more adequately distributed. With the combined efforts of the officers of the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, along with other interested groups, we are waging a valiant battle. It is recognized that Education is a State function; the State must provide some form of financial relief to the taxpayer. We are continuing our indomitable efforts to that end.

The Estimate of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1948 shows the following increases:

	1947	1948	Increases
Salaries	\$285,514.91	\$327,198.67	\$41,683.76
ALL Other Expenses	57,922.98	61,085.00	3,162.02

#### SALARIES

After a detailed study of salary schedules in communities comparable to Southbridge, the budget by 1947 made provisions for the revised salaries, as voted in the School Committee on December 11, 1946. This meant an actual increase of \$350 to bring our newly established maximums to:

\$2400 with less than 4 years preparation

\$2700 with the Bachelor's degree

\$3000 with the Master's degree

The Trade School teachers salaries were set at \$3200 to \$3400 depending on requirements of the State Department of Education.

We are one of the few school systems that are already enjoying the benefits of a "single salary schedule." It would perhaps have been a greater burden for our town to meet the present requirements of the so-called "equal pay" law (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 40, as amended).

In line with a nation-wide trend, due to the inexorable change in economic conditions, teachers everywhere have asked for an upward revision in the salary schedule. Southbridge must maintain a reasonable position, while taking into account its ability to meet the economic level to which professional people are entitled. The School Committee found it again reasonable to grant a temporary cost-of-living adjustment of \$200, subject to increase or decrease, according to the official cost-of-living index for the State of Massachusetts, and subject to further revision pending "State Aid" for education. This was voted by the School Committee on December 19, 1947.

With the readjustment of the teachers' economic status, the community must expect better service for better pay for all its employees. Higher salaries taken to bridge the gap between theory and practice, through refresher courses, cannot be maintained or improved unless they are justified by increased efficiency throughout the educational process. The necessary measures will be or new training, based on the needs of this generation.

#### MAINTENANCE

elaborate program of implementation and maintenance. Although the greatest The slight increase in "all other" expenses is obviously not conducive to an and textbooks, fuel and light, to mention only a few, it has been possible to

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Arthur H. Gaumond  
Chairman, School Committee  
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gaumond:

It is my happy privilege to submit herewith a second annual report, which becomes the sixty-third in the series of reports by the Superintendents of the Southbridge Public Schools.

That this past year has been an exacting and challenging one, is actually an understatement. Our bounden duty as executive officer of the School Committee is to carry out scrupulously those policies that the committee has found wise to formulate. Our avowed purpose has been to revise, reconstruct where necessary, and merge the several phases of administration in our school system into a purposeful unit.

Progress is gradual, not rapid, but something has definitely been accomplished. We may not have discovered in our time the perfect answer to all our problems, but these will continue to exact our strictest attention to the end that all faith and confidence in our administration shall be justified.

Each day in our schools the World of Today rests an adult hand lightly but meaningfully, on the small shoulder of the World of Tomorrow and points to the path of learning and good citizenship. Although this duty is discharged without fanfare by the public school system, the citizens of Southbridge have not lost sight of the fact that the public schools belong to all; they are the responsibility of each and everyone.

It is true that the public schools are only what the citizens of a community want and will provide. Our citizens have exemplified their deep interest in their schools by appropriating funds sufficient to meet the exacting demands of these inflationary times. Operational costs have soared to unreasonable heights, but our every request will remain within reasonable bounds. The taxpayer has unbegrudgingly met his obligations. His tax dollar is his investment in his community. Our every endeavor is pledged to the task of procuring the best dividends for this investment.

By concerted effort, these dividends from our common investment will serve to bolster our strength in our fight against the forces of evil at work in our present-day world. There is so much confusion at home and abroad. Could it be that our spiritual values are deteriorating. We are faced with a new set of cultural values. There is need of new and much broader concepts of education and human relations. We must view the present as a period in which everyone who is mentally fit must be alert, informed and aggressively active to insure our survival as a nation. We need more than ever the full functioning of our educational system, guided by an enlightened citizenry and conscientious educators. Our community will be justifiably proud to have afforded to its future citizens the best of every educational opportunity.

### ENROLLMENT

The enrollment in the Public Schools on October 1, 1947 was 1788 as compared with 1853 on October 1, 1946.

The enrollment in the Elementary Schools on October 1, 1947 was 1091 as compared with 1077 on October 1, 1946.

The increased birthrate, as established by national statistics, began to show its effects only slightly in our school system. It was necessary to organize only one additional first grade, that at the Eastford Road School. An increase in enrollment has to be anticipated at all times. Records must be kept of the number of births in any one year in order to determine the number of children entering our school system six years hence. Records are also being developed to show the number of pupils entering the various schools, whether public or parochial.

The annual census is taken at the beginning of each school year of children of school age. This year the new census includes children of all pre-school ages, in order to help in planning what measures are necessary to meet the increased grade enrollment of a few years hence. It may be necessary to re-define the

districts served by each elementary school in order to take advantage of all available building space.

#### ATTENDANCE

Attention is directed to the report of the attendance officer. More and better cooperation is urged on the part of some parents in certain acute situations where records show a definite lack of understanding. It will always be sound administrative procedure to expect that parents will assume the responsibility of seeing to it that their children are in school, and on time, unless there are legitimate reasons for absence, such as illness or family emergency. The proper significance must always be attached to even the least number of days lost from school. Repeated absences are definitely detrimental to the pupil in so many ways.

#### CURRICULUM

The educational offerings throughout our school system have been intensified, rather than multiplied. The exigencies of the last few years have produced what seemed to be discrepancies in the grade levels that tend to disturb well-established and definite standards. Our first and most pressing problem was to fill the gaps, if they were found to exist. It meant attacking our problem in all the grades, one to twelve, from the remedial standpoint, of instituting a thorough **REMEDIAL PROGRAM**. Perhaps only to resume the teaching of phonics in the lower grades will procure a more solid foundation for our revised reading program. Remedial work is being intensified in all subjects. The introduction of the new **PRIMARY CURRICULUM** of the State Department of Education will serve to coordinate efforts in each level of each grade. The interest of all the teachers concerned in this phase of our work is highly commendable. This will assure first a greater degree of uniformity in each corresponding grade in all the elementary schools.

Aside of the remedial work being conducted in the High School, intense study has been given to the making of appropriate changes in program offering. Our purpose is to make each course terminal in itself, that is, to give each pupil a more definite preparation toward a more definite career. Just so, the **COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE** is terminal in itself in that it prepares to meet the entrance requirements of several types of colleges. The **COMMERCIAL COURSE** is terminal in that it prepares those pupils to enter gainful employ at the conclusion of the course. But in order to enhance the value of the commercial course, a plan for adding a "**COOPERATIVE BUSINESS TRAINING**" period is being worked out with representatives of local industry and commerce. This plan will provide practical training for commercial seniors in order that the work of these pupils may be measured under conditions of actual working responsibility.

Following a well defined trend in education it will become necessary to drop eventually the **GENERAL COURSE**, and replace it, for the boys, by some plan of "**COOPERATIVE SHOP**" training with the Trade School, while enlarging the **PRACTICAL ARTS** department for the girls. This offering will be entirely consistent with the needs of local industry. This training is necessary to discover the many latent technical aptitudes in an adequate number of pupils, and through our Guidance Program, to direct, without pressure whatsoever, those pupils according to their abilities and interests, to a more definite vocational choice.

By the same token, in order to determine in earlier grades the ability and inclinations of our boys, it will become necessary to reinstate the **INDUSTRIAL ARTS** program in grades seven and eight, thereby giving our pupils an earlier insight on the significance of the various occupations and help them answer more wisely life's calling.

A very vital contribution to the school system was the reinstatement of the **MUSIC** department at the beginning of this school year. There is being evoked much interest and enthusiasm and it is progressing very satisfactorily. There is a wide range of activity from the primary grades where the child is taught the correct use of his voice, as well as to hear and recognize tonal figures, on to the formation of glee clubs and classes in music appreciation in the High School. On the next occasion, our music supervisor should have a very interesting report to make.

undertake a modest program of needed repairs and maintenance. It is our "cleaning-up" campaign, where we have had to use soap and water instead of paint, but it is a step in the right direction. It will be the policy of the school department to pursue, however slowly, its program of repairs, redecorating and replacement of equipment as far as current prices will permit.

Our principal effort had to be centered around the MARCY STREET SCHOOL, where it became necessary not to delay longer to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and Public Safety. Two special articles in the Town Warrant permitted the following alterations and renovations:

Heating system (oil)  
New toilets throughout  
Fire alarm  
New Lighting fixtures in classrooms  
Time and bell system  
Fire partitions on the first and second floors  
Panic hardware on doors

Other State Department requirements compelled us to install "emergency lighting" in those buildings that are used during the evening. Along with the improvements at the West Street School grounds these are only the principal items that have exacted our attention during this past year. Our principal physical need continues to be the improvement in the maintenance of our school buildings and grounds, in order to facilitate every educational process.

This seems but a partial report considering the many things of importance that could be mentioned. But any report would be incomplete without a word of gratitude and commendation to those who, through their loyalty and co-operation, have helped toward the success of our every educational enterprise.

I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the townspeople for their faithful service, to you, Mr. Gaumond, and to all the members of the School Committee for your loyal support, full confidence and wise counsel throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM L. BOURGEOIS  
Superintendent of Schools

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1946 to July, 1947. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

#### I.—SCHOOL HOUSES (Including Cole Trade High School)—1947

Number Houses—occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms—occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

#### II.—TEACHERS (Including Cole Trade High School)

Number of male teachers	30*	**
Number of female teachers	59*	**

\* Five full-time substitutes

\*\* Two on leave of absence (one female; one male)

#### III.—PUPILS

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7	562
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,595
Between the ages of 14 and 16	471

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,628
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1946 1947
from September to June	1,671 1,644
Number between 5 and 7	191 143
Number between 7 and 14	885 923
Number between 14 and 16	384 337
Number over 16 years of age	211 241

Average membership	1,595	1,565
Average daily attendance	1,490	1,498
Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June	563	574
Number between 5 and 7	113	146
Number between 7 and 14	360	364
Number between 14 and 16	70	48
Number over 16 years of age	26	16
Average membership	545	552
Average daily attendance	93	533
Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC		
from September to June	336	343
Number between 5 and 7	74	27
Number between 7 and 14	242	241
Number between 14 and 16	20	21
Number over 16 years of age	—	1
Average membership	329	375
Average daily attendance	313	354
Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June	221	222
Number between 5 and 7	32	22
Number between 7 and 14	144	157
Number between 14 and 16	25	23
Number over 16 years of age	20	20
Average membership	222	221
Average daily attendance	206	208
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL		
from September to June	157	208
Number between 14 and 16	129	77
Number over 16 years of age	28	131
Average membership	88	145
Average daily attendance	78	134
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOP. SCHOOL		
from September to June	129	102
Number over 16 years of age	129	102
Average membership	54	60
Average daily attendance	51	57

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1947

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
M. E. Wells High School	233	309	542	540	493.20	515.70	95.75
Charlton St. Gr. VIII	8	16	24	24	21.84	22.43	97.34
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII	9	12	21	23	22.3	22.79	97.64
Marcy St. Gr. VIII	14	10	24	24	23.22	23.86	97.35
West St. Gr. VIII	12	12	24	24	20.86	21.63	96.42
Charlton St. Gr. VII	8	18	26	25	24.40	24.98	97.8
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII	12	16	28	29	26.	26.96	96.45
Marcy St. Gr. VII	12	10	22	25	20.98	21.74	96.36
West St. Gr. VII	15	27	42	42	33.81	36.36	92.96
Charlton St. Gr. VI1	12	12	24	24	21.29	21.72	97.77
Charlton St. Gr. VI2	12	13	25	25	20.98	21.78	96.34
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI	16	10	26	28	25.97	26.98	96.26
Marcy St. Gr. VI	17	15	32	32	27.35	29.06	94.12
West St. Gr. VI	20	15	35	37	31.79	32.77	96.49
Charlton St. Gr. V1	8	13	21	23	20.94	21.73	96.13
Charlton St. Gr. V2	12	14	26	26	25.01	25.91	96.13

Eastford Rd. Gr. V	15	16	31	31	28.50	29.73	95.85
Marcy St. Gr. V	12	8	20	20	18.13	19.45	92.94
West St. Gr. V	14	10	24	27	24.45	25.47	95.61
Charlton St. Gr. IV	22	13	35	35	34.24	35.22	97.22
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV	8	10	18	18	16.32	16.98	96.13
Marcy St. Gr. IV	17	13	30	31	27.10	28.03	96.89
West St. Gr. IV1	14	13	27	31	23.47	24.65	95.23
West St. Gr. IV2	11	18	29	29	25.22	26.07	96.73
Charlton St. Gr. III1	15	13	28	28	26.57	27.37	97.11
Charlton St. Gr. III2	13	13	26	26	24.66	25.15	98.58
Eastford Rd. Gr. III	23	17	40	39	34.46	36.11	95.46
Marcy St. Gr. III	20	9	29	30	27.62	29.12	94.68
West St. Gr. III	17	16	33	33	30.98	32.06	97.23
Charlton St. Gr. II	21	18	39	41	38.44	39.37	96.04
Eastford Rd. Gr. II	16	21	37	37	33.11	36.10	91.67
Marcy St. Gr. II	15	12	27	28	25.45	26.77	95.08
River St. Gr. I & II	14	12	26	26	20.87	22.60	92.78
West St. Gr. II	22	15	37	38	32.79	34.63	94.67
Charlton St. Gr. I	15	11	26	26	23.96	24.96	96.01
Eastford Rr. Gr. I	14	20	34	34	30.53	32.43	93.84
Marcy St. Gr. I	19	11	30	30	26.36	28.29	93.14
West St. Gr. I	12	22	34	34	31.95	33.57	95.01
River St. Ungraded	7	12	19	20	15.47	16.84	92.34
River St. Manual Arts II	20	2	22	25	16.47	18.70	87.89

#### ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1946—June 1947 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I	19	40	6	4												69
II		19	40	7	3	1										70
III			19	30	11	5	3									68
IV				21	27	12	6	1								67
V					13	24	13	8	4							62
VI						12	35	9	8	1	1					66
VII							14	32	15	8	3					72
VIII								13	26	6	5					50
IX								2	20							75
X										33	17	3				77
XI										25	41	10	1			77
XII										1	24	42	10			77
Ungraded												23	43	4	2	73
Total	19	59	65	63	54	54	72	67	75	75	99	78	54	4	2	840

#### ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1946—June 1947 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I	14	44	10		2											70
II		10	53	8	4	1										76
III			11	52	9	12	2	1								87
IV				9	26	20	13	3								71
V					8	26	16	7	3	2	1					63
VI						7	23	19	20	4	3	1				77
VII							6	23	9	8	2					48
VIII							1	12	22	8	1					44
IX									9	41	16	5				71
X									1	16	37	14	2			70
XI											18	26	9			53
XII												10	27	7	1	45
Ungraded					1	1		1	5	6	12	1				27
Total	14	54	74	69	50	67	61	66	69	85	90	57	38	7	1	802

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

	School
Resigned or Leave of Absence	
April, Resigned—Viola E. Sweeney	Charlton Street School
June, Resigned—Priscilla Drake	Mary E. Wells High School
June, Resigned—Gladys H. Cowan	Marcy Street School
September, Resigned—Helen Donnelly	Charlton Street School
September, Resigned—Kathleen Frantz	Eastford Road School
September, Resigned—Myron Sibley	Cole Trade High School
September, Leave of Absence—Joseph B. Hoyt	Director of Guidance
September, Leave of Absence—Alice W. Dion	West Street School
October, Resigned—John W. Lough	River Street School
Appointed	
January, Elsie	West Street School
January, Marjorie Campbell*	Eastford Road School
May, Barbara M. Bilsey	Charlton Street School
September, Kathryn F. Beauregard*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Cecile P. LeClair*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Dorothy Bartoli*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Robert B. Phipps	Director of Guidance
September, Eleanor Van Etten	Music Supervisor
September, Irma Sherin	West Street School
September, Mary J. Winn	Eastford Road School
September, John T. Maloney	River Street School
September, George Kerivan	Cole Trade High School
September, Mario Pellegrini	Cole Trade High School
October, John W. Lough	River Street School
November, A. Freda Bisbee	River Street School
November, Frank J. Jordan	Charlton Street School

\*Returned from leave of absence

## CORPS OF TEACHERS—JANUARY 1, 1948

	1st Aptt.	Position	and	College Attended
William L. Bourgeois, A.B.				
	M.A. 1946	Suprintendent....	Assumption	College
			(a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Harvard (c), University of Paris, France (c), University of Connecticut (c)	
Robert B. Phipps, A.B.				
	M. Ed. 1947	Director of Occupational Guidance and	Placeemnt.....	Clark University (a), Boston University (b) (c)
Marjorie Nichols, B.S. Ed.				
	M.A. 1943	Elementary School Supervisor	North Adams (a), Columbia (b) (c), Fitchburg T.C. (c)	
Elisie A. Hofstra				
	1933	Secretary to Suprintendent	Becker's Business College	

## MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B.S.			
	M. Ed. 1937	Principal	Boston University (a) (b)

			Columbia (c)
			Hyannis T.C. (c)
			Extension Courses (c)
Bridie M. McSweeney,			
B.S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	Willimantic T.C. (a)
Eva P. Salviuolo, B.S. Ed.	1934	Grade 1	Worcester T.C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics in	
		Grades 6, 7, 8;	
		Art in Grades	
		6, 7, 8	Westchester T.C.
			Extension Courses

Florida G. Tarquinio,			
B.S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Worcester T.C. (a)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree			
(b) Master's Degree			
(c) Graduate Work			

### EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal, Reading, Music Appreciation	Boston University Worcester T.C. University Extension Courses
Corinne E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
Barbara Bilsey, B.A.	1947	Grade 4	Boston University (a)
Patricia P. Callahan, B.S. Ed.	1939	Social Studies in Grades 6, 7, 8; Science in Grades 6 and 8	Westfield T.C. (a) University Extension (c)
Marjorie Campbell, B.S. Ed.	1933	English Literature and Remedial Reading in Grades 6, 7, 8; Art in Grades 6 and 7	Bridgewater T.C., (a) Simmons, Columbia, (c) Harvard (c) Boston University (c) Worcester T.C., University Extension Courses
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T.C., University Extension Courses
*Myrtle B. Jodrey	1944	Art and Science in Grade 7; Mathematics and Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Fitchburg T.C. University Extension Courses
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal, University Extension
Emily Roberts, B.S. Ed.	1944	Grade 4	Worcester T.C. (a) Hyannis T.C. (c) Clark (c), Univer- sity of N.H. (c)
Mary Winn	1947	Grade 1	Salem T.C. University Extension Courses

## MARCY STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal, Art, Music	St. Ann's Academy, Fitchburg T.C., Hyannis T.C., University Extension Courses
*Dorothy M. Brockway	1943	Grade 2	Framingham T.C., University Extension Courses
Mabel A. Chamberlin	1902	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
Elizabeth Curtis, A.B., B.S. Ed.	1944	Grade 1	Boston University (a), Salem T.C. (a), Harvard (c)
Camella Dintini, B.S. Ed.	1940	Grade 4	Worcester T.C. (a)
Ruth Huson	1945	Grade 3	Clark (c), Harvard (c)
			Maine State Normal School, Hyannis T.C., Boston University, Gor- ham T.C.
Mary F. Lynch, A.B.	1946	Science and Literature in Grades 6, 7, 8	Emmanuel College (a), Fitchburg T.C. (c) Providence T.C. (c)
Celestine C. Sweet	1932	Social Studies in Grades 6, 7, 8; English in Grade 7	College of Our Lady of the Elms, Hyannis T.C., Extension Courses, (B. U.)
Bertha L. Wallace	1922	Mathematics and English in Grades 6, 7, 8	Hyannis T.C. Boston University Extension

Notes—(a) Bachelor's De gree

(c) Graduate Work

\* Full-time Substitute

## RIVER STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
*Clara M. Reed	1918	Acting Principal Special Classes.	Westfield T.C., Worcester Girls' Trade School, Uni- versity Extension Courses (B. U. and Harvard)
A. Freda Bisbee	1947	Grades 1 and 2	University Extension Courses Boston T.C.
John T. Maloney, A.B., M.A.	1947	Manual Arts I	Boston College (a) (b) Extension Courses (Spe- cial Class Work) B.C.

## WEST STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A.B. M. Ed.	1944	Principal, Athletic Coach, Remedial Reading	Assumption College (a) Boston University (b) Springfield College (c)
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			Clark (c), Northeastern (c), Oxford University, England, (c) Harvard (c).
Eva A. Casavant, B.S., M.A.	1933	History, Art, Geography, Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Worcester T.C. (a) Clark University (b)
M. Elsie Hachey	1947	Grade 4	Plymouth T.C. Keene T.C.
Everett H. Holmes, A.B.	1945	English Lit. in Grades 6, 7, 8; Spelling in Grades 6, 7, 8	Colby College (a), B.U. (c) Harvard (c)
*Cathryn Maxwell	1945	Grade 1	Lowell T.C.
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	University Extension Courses
Ruht W. Sampson	1939	Grade 5b	Westfield T.C., Univer- sity Extension (B.U.)

Notes— (a) Bachelor's Degree  
(b) Master's Degree  
(c) Graduate Work  
\* Full-time Substitute

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
*Dorothy M. Sheriffs	1945	Grade 3	Westfield T.C.
Irma M. Sherin	1947	Grade 5a	Framingham T.C., Hyannis T.C., Worcester T.C., Extension Courses
Elinor H. Small, A.B.	1945	Mathematics and Science in Grades 6, 7, 8	Brown University, State Extension Courses
Claire Birtz	1937	Art	Worcester School of Art, Boston University
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of Continuation School	St. Ann's Academy. Fitch burg T.C.
Constance L'Ecuier, B.S.Ed. M.A.	1940	Director of Americanization	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Boston Nursery School, Smith College Kin- dergarten, Worces- ter T.C., Columbia, Extension Courses (c)
Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B. B. Music	1947	Music Supervisor	Barnard, Columbia, Wells (a)

## JANITORS

Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Philias Caron	1945	Marcy Street School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Valmore Favreau	1947	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade High School)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School

Notes—\*Full-time substitute (a) Bachelor's Degree  
(c) Graduate Work (b) Master's Degree

		(c). Harvard (c). Mass. Extension Service (c)
Nora B. Adams	1947	Secretary to Principal Mary E. Wells High School
Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.	1921	Commercial Treasurer of Student Activity Funds Boston University (a) (c)
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S. Ed.	1935	English, Speech, Modern History Worcester T.C. (a), Clark (c)
Kathryn Beauregard, A.B.	1922	French, Spanish, Jr. Red Cross Middlebury (a) (c), Boston University (c)
Rose Brodeur, B.S.	1939	Social Studies Boston University (a) (c), N.Y. University (c) Middlebury (c)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree (b) Master's Degree (c) Graduate Work	1st Appt.	
Constance Coderre, B.S.	1929	Position College Attended Commercial, Student Council. Simmons (a) Boston University (c) Columbia (c)
Hannah B. Cook, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1929	History Hyannis (a) Boston Univer- sity (b) Clark (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics, Sr. Red ross Fitchburg T.C., Whea- ton, Simmons
Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B. M. Ed.	1926	English, Crimson and Gray Radcliffe (a) Boston Univer- sity (b)
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph. B.	1933	Latin Brown University (a) Boston University (c)
Persis F. Howe, B.S. Ed.	1930	Commercial Salem T.C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)
Grace Keenan, B.S. Ed.	1942	English Worcester T.C. (a) Univer- sity of eVrmont (c) Colum- bia (c)
Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S. Ed.	1940	Home Economics Framingham T.C. (a) Fitchburg T.C. (c)
Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B. M.A.	1938	Biology, History, Coach Tufts, (a) (b) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Eino Laakso, A.B. M.A.	1945	Algebra, General Science Clark (a) (b) Boston University (c)
Cecile P. LeClair,	1936	English Worcester T.C. (a) Colum- bia (b) (c)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph. B. M. Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Physics, Cotch Holy Cross (a) Bos- ton University (b) Harvard (c)
Flora Tait, B.S. Ed. M.A.	1939	English Dramatic Club Framingham T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Cornell (c)
Norman G. Tardiff, S.S.	1942	Math., Coach Bates (a) B.U. (c)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree (b) Master's Degree		

## (c) Graduate Work

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Liberty Themistocles, A.B.	1946	Social Studies	Emmanuel (a) Columbia (c)
Frances Troy, B.S. Ed.	1927	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a) Boston University (c)
Lindzay Varnam, B.S.	1943	General Science, Aeronautics, Algebra	Colby (a) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Elsie Wanerka, S.S. Ed.	1945	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a)

## COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Clark H. Morrell, B.S. Ed.	1931	Director	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Machinist (d)
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director	N.E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, U. of Me.
Maureen Baybutt	1942	Clerk	St. Mary's High School Feener Business School, U. of Me.
Harold A. Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating (d)	Worcester Boys Trade, Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T.C.
John L. Benson	1942	Drafting (d)	Northeastern U., Fitch- burg T.C.
George H. Braman	1938	Mathematics and Trade Drawing (d)	Northeastern U. Fitchburg T.C.
Francis E. Couture	1945	Electrical (d)	Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W.P.I.
William Delaney, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1940	English	Boston University (a) Bos- ton T.C. (b) Boston Coll- ege (c)

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
(b) Master's Degree  
(c) Graduate Work  
(d) Eight years trade experi-  
ence

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Applied Science Drafting (d)	Cole Trade, Fitchburg T.C. Clark, Worcester Junior College
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work (d)	Cole Trade, Fitch- burg T.C. Univer- sity Extension
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing (d)	Southbridge High School
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop (d)	General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T.C., North- eastern
William A. Julien A.B.	1945	Mathematics, History, Economics	Manhattan College (a), Columbia (c) Boston

# University (c)

George Kerivan, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1947	Coach, Physics	Boston College (a) Boston University (b)
Emery A. Lavallee	1926	Guidance and Placement	Fitchburg T.C. Southbridge Industrial M.E. Wells H.
William Nickerson	1941	General Vocational Cabinetmaking (d)	Norwich Univer- sity Fitchburg, T.C.
William Paul	1942	General Vocational Wood Machine	Lowell Inst. Fitchburg T.C.
Marjo Pellgrini	1947	Sheet Metal (d)	Northeastern Univer- sity
Frank P. Skinyon, B.S. Ed.	1934	Cabinet Patternmaking (d)	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Lawrence Swenson	1932	Related Science and Mathematics.	Wentworth Inst., Fitchburg T.C., Boston University, Machinist (d) Drafting (d)

- Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
(b) Master's Degree  
(c) Graduate Work  
(d) Eight years trade experi-  
ence

## CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Raoul O. Lataille, A.B. M. Ed.	1939	Principal, Coach	Assumption (a), Boston University (b)
Alma A. Abramson, B. Ed.	1945	Grade 3	Keene T.C. (a)
Dorothy E. Cargill, B.S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	University of Vermont (a)
Irene V. Gough	1914	Social Studies in Grades 7, 8; Science in Grade ; Literature in Grades 7, 8; Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension Courses
Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A. Ed.	1944	Grade 2	Keene T.C. (a)
Edith C. Howes, B.S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T.C. (a)
Frank J. Jordan, B.S. Ed.	1947	Social Studies in Grade 6; Science in Grades 6, 7, 8	University of Georgia (a)
Constance L'Ecuyer, B.S. Ed. M.A.	1940	English in Grades S., W.P.I., Draftsman (d) 6, 7, 8.	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Boston Nursery School (c) Smith College (c) Worcester T.C. (c)

**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**  
**MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my eleventh annual report as Principal  
In accordance with your request, my eleventh annual report as Principal  
of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1947-48 is divided as follows: Seniors, 119; Juniors, 121; Sophomores, 121; Freshmen, 122; Veterans and Specials 18—a total of 501 pupils.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, and General.

One hundred and twenty-eight pupils were graduated on June 19, 1947, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

**CLASS OF 1947—Academic**

\*Madeleine Rose Bourdelais  
\*Mary Agnes Breen  
\*Kathleen Anne Brousseau  
\*Barbara Jean Brown  
\*Florence Mary Brzys  
\*Regina Ann Burgess  
\*Lionel Joseph Clements  
Albert Joseph Coderre  
Richard Ernest Dalton  
\*Roger Alfred Dion  
George Edward Egan  
\*John Robert Ferguson  
\*Beverly Jean Fox  
Edmund Vincent Gillon  
\*Robert Edmund Graf  
\*Nancy Lois Hakala  
\*Natalie Hazelton  
\*Ruth Marie Hefner  
\*Jane Fullerton Howarth

\*Nancy Ann Jodrey  
\*Edna Louise Joslin  
\*Robert William Langevin  
\*Claire Pauline Lanpher  
\*Richard Adrian Martin  
Irene Barbara Mason  
\*Christo Vasil Metro  
\*Elizabeth Jane Migala  
\*Elinor Helene Oshry  
\*Lucille Juliette Proulx  
Henry Walter Remian  
\*Constance Ernestine St. Onge  
\*Barbara Lucille Shippee  
\*John Lincoln Simonds  
\*Douglas Lang Steenburn  
\*Nancy Rae Taylor  
\*Rena Lyris Themistocles  
\*Ann Marie Tobia  
\*Roger Allen Woodbury

**Commercial**

\*Adrien Ernest Archambeault  
\*Pauline Vivian Bail  
\*Louise Pauline Beaudry  
Estelle Marie Beaulieu  
\*Rachel Claire Bonnette  
\*Adeline Yolanda Bozzo  
\*Bernice Clara Butler  
\*Alfreda Rose Carpick  
Virginia Alice Chase  
\*General average of 80% or above for four years  
Clara Antoinette Checka  
Gerard Joseph Chenier  
\*Helen Sandra Costa  
Vasiliki Costa  
Doris Germaine Cournoyer  
Genevieve Darzenkiewicz  
Helen Marie Deyo  
Irene Ann Fontana

Lucille Elaine Fournier  
\*Phyllis Margaret Freeman  
\*Aline Laura Guillemette  
\*Barbara Isabelle Hickox  
\*Betty Louise Howard  
Myrtle Jane Joyce  
\*Vivian Gertrude Julien  
\*Achilleas Kollios  
Doris Lucille Livernois

\*Helen Lucy Matys  
Isabella Ann Osimo  
\*Doris Aldrich Palmer  
\*Ruth Ann Romano  
Mary Rossman  
\*Jean Frances Simonds  
Theresa Marie Tetreault  
\*Joan Marie Zitka

**General**

\*Charles Lionel Agard  
Rita Louise Baglioni  
\*\*Charles Edward Benoit

Elizabeth Lemmelin  
Helen Marie Letourneau  
Norman Joseph Loiselle

Welton Henry Blair  
 Beverly Gertrude Blanchard  
 \*Patricia Mary Boehm  
 Harry Marvin Boissoneault  
 Raymond Joseph Borus  
 Leonard Arthur Brodeur  
 George Armand Brousseau  
 \*Herbert Hartley Butterworth  
 \*\*Samuel David Chapin  
 Richard Joseph Ciesla  
 \*\*George Merles Czyzewski  
 \*\*Armand Earl DeBlois  
 Edward Donald Desrosier  
 Dolores Irene DiFederico  
 Armand Sylvio Durocher  
 \*\*Ronald Alfred Girard  
 William Donald Goodwin  
 Pauline Marie Louise Guilbault  
 \*Ellen Joan Hogan  
 Priscilla gnn Kennedy  
 Cecelia gnn Krehling  
 John Pierre Laliberte  
 Armand Henri Lapierre  
 Constance Lorraine LaPierre  
 Robert Henri Vallancourt  
 \*General average of 80% or above for four years  
 \*\*Veterans of World War II

\*Robert Louis Lorange  
 Robert Rudolph Lusignan  
 \*\*Ernest Malagrida  
 \*\*Leon Louis Manseau  
 \*\*George Kenneth Menard  
 Antoinette Mitchell  
 John Paul Moriarty  
 Emile John Noga  
 \*\*John Calvin Palmer, Jr.  
 Lucille Marie Parent  
 Nickolas Kosta Perikli  
 \*\*Clement Emile Planeta  
 Evelyn Barbara Polomski  
 \*\*Alfred Aime Renaud  
 William George Rowett  
 Pauline Theresa Roy  
 \*\*Walter George Salva  
 Frederic Leonard GrantSibley  
 Sophocles Sotir  
 Sam Vangel Sotir  
 Mary Ellen Suprenant  
 Albert Henry Taylor, Jr.  
 Shirley Lorraine Taylor  
 \*\*Roland Wilfred Tremblay  
 Christine Louisa Walker

The courses at the Mary E. Wells High School have been undergoing changes during the past school year.

Most obvious of these changes is that of the commercial course, in which a cooperative program with manufacturers and merchants has been worked out. It is expected that this program will be put into actual working operation in the very near future.

As a result of the testing program a weakness has been discovered in the reading ability of ninth grade pupils. To try to improve this grave situation, smaaler classes have been scheduled in Freshman and Sophomore English. This was done upon the advice of a leading Teachers' College Professor who recommended this form in order to permit time for remedial work. It was felt that the creation of a special clinic for the slow readers would prove to be bad psycologically at such an advanced time in their school career. That the method adopted has justified itself was proven by the Iowa General Educational Development Tests in which the results showed highly gratifying improvement.

The same Iowa General Educational Development Tests indicated a weakness in mathematics. This is the problem the high school staff is now worki ng on.

It has been a source of gratification that veterans have returned to complete their education or to prepare themselves for institutions of higher learning. Mr. Lewis A. Kyrios, a member of the faculty and former Major in the United States Air Forces during World War II, has acted as Veteran's Guidance Counsellor. He has grasped the problems of this group well; and to make an undergraduate institution more pleasant to this group, he has secured for them a study and a smoking room of their own. The veterans are not forgotten in the social life of the school. At Christmas, the veterans arranged their own party, including a spaghetti and meatball dinner. I would like to call to your attention at this time the high quality of work being done by this group of veterans.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set

of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of the young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.

2. That machinery be installed in the basement of the high school so that an Industrial Arts Program may be set up to take care of a large number of General Course boys who need some specific technical training in addition to the academic work the Mary E. Wells High School provides.

3. That a library be started, and a teacher-librarian be appointed.

4. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

5. That rooms be provided for sick pupils and larger nurse's quarters be installed.

6. That the Household Arts Department be renovated and modern equipment installed as soon as purchase of same is feasible.

7. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, PRINCIPAL

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I hereby submit my annual report. Owing to the fact that my temporary appointment began in September in the leave of absence of Mr. Hoyt, I shall necessarily restrict myself to the period since that time.

A large part of my time is spent in assisting students with their educational, vocational, and curricular choices. Early in the year, I had conferences with all seniors who are preparing for schools and colleges, and I have kept continually in touch with them as their plans progressed. Beginning this week, I shall have scheduled appointments with all other seniors who intend to enter their vocations directly after graduation. Before the end of the year, I shall have had conferences with every student in the high school. In addition to the scheduled interviews, the services of this office have been provided at all times to every student who felt the need for advice and counsel.

The testing program has included test in the five fields of intelligence, aptitude, achievement, interest, and personality. A measure of scholastic aptitude is secured for every student in the high school. Since seniors are in particular need for such objective data, an additional intelligence test has been administered to them. Freshmen and juniors received the annual battery of achievement test. Information regarding mechanical and clerical aptitude is obtained each spring in the seventh and eighth grades and is supplemented in the high school by special test whenever the need arises. Interest test are given to seniors and to special groups such as the classes in occupations. Inventories of personality are used with a great deal of discrimination in cases which call for this type of information. In all, a total of nearly 500 test have been administered since September, and this data has been of invaluable help in the work of counseling the students.

Another large segment of my time has been spent in securing jobs and placing approximately 60 students in part-time work. At present, 144 students are so engaged outside of their regular school hours. A total of 235

students have registered at the placement office.

During the past month, I have conducted a follow-up study of three former classes at the Mary E. Wells High School. survey has not only provided valuable information about former students but will be useful in planning needed curricular changes. These will soon be available for general inspection.

The latest project of the School Department in which the guidance office has had a particular interest is the new Cooperative Commercial program for senior commercial students. Since this plan will undoubtedly be more fully outlined in another report, I shall not go into greater detail. However, this office will play a large part in the functioning of that program by coordinating the various agencies involved.

The second semester will also see a new weekly class in occupational adjustment for juniors and seniors. By the suggestion of the Principal, this project is to address the group on topics that meet the common needs of all the students.

I should like finally to meet special mention of the office of Dean of Girls under Mrs. LeClair which has greatly extended the services of the guidance office. Not only do the girls have a specially trained counselor available to them every day, but freshmen girls are now enjoying the benefits of a weekly orientation class.

As is evident, the guidance office comprises numerous duties that are directed toward individualizing the work of the school and helping the student to make the best possible adjustment to educational, vocational, and personal problems.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PHIPPS, DIRECTOR

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for the school year 1946-47.

This year has been spent in steady accumulative achievement toward goals set for improving the teaching-learning situation.

THE TESTING PROGRAM, established over a year ago, has been carried on with additional testing of individual children. One hundred and eleven individual tests have been administered for various reasons, the principal ones being to determine the grade placement and the ability of the child.

More time has been devoted to formal OBSERVATION in the classrooms and a record kept of each observation, the length of time in each being determined by the grade level, the length of the class period, and the special need. One hundred and five such observations are on record. Briefer and informal visits have also been made. New teachers in our system are visited more frequently; conferences with each one follow as a consequence.

THE CONFERENCE TECHNIQUE, especially conferences with individuals, is one of the most fruitful methods of in-service supervision. Conferences with our Principals total ninety-two; with teachers, one hundred thirty-seven; with Superintendent, thirty; with others, seventy-three—a total of three hundred thirty-nine conferences, some of which were with groups.

On an average of once a week, a visit is made to each building. At times, when there is an immediate need, a building may be visited two or even three times in a week.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS have been largely meetings of certain grade levels, with emphasis on reading and on the new State Curriculum. Opportunity is thus given for discussion of mutual problems, to share ideas with one another, to ask questions and to receive inspiration. Seventeen teachers' meetings and seven group conferences have been held during the year.

More importance is being on REMEDIAL TEACHING especially in reading and arithmetic in the middle and upper grades. This is another and very important method of providing for individual differences. All super-

visory effort is the achievement of a better understanding of the child's needs, and the improvement of his learning. This is done mostly through the indirect method of working with principals, teachers, and children; sometimes it is directly through individual test, demonstration lessons, and entrance into the classroom situation.

The supervisory is no longer an "outsider" but is a co-worker and friendly member of the group, whether it be children, teachers, or administrators. To be one in purpose is the goal, to the end that our children may receive the best in educational opportunity, materials, instruction, and guidance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS, SUPERVISOR

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for your consideration and approval.

This has been a very active year, and much has been accomplished. The following statistics will reveal students' progress comparable to previous years. Admissions, however, in the General Vocational Department and the present number of cooperative students are low.

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

In school at end of year (Dec. 1947)	50	143	193
Graduated	28	2	30
Certificated		2	2
Entering industry trained for		3	3
Entering other occupations	6	38	44
Entering armed service		2	2
Unfit for trade subjects		6	6
Returned to Grammar or High School		16	16
Left because of illness		3	3
Left town		1	1
Transferred to Coop. School		25	25
Transferred to Day School	2		2
Total membership for year 1947	86	241	327
Enrolled during year	31	85	116

### GRADUATES

#### COOPERATIVE DIPLOMAS

##### CABINET COURSE

George Paul Arsenault

Theodore Leo Ziemba

Marcel William Quevillon

##### CARPENTRY COURSE

Edward Alfred Bergeron, Jr.

##### MACHINIST COURSE

Charles Pierce Culliton

Louis John Carpick

Paul Lucien Dumas

Henry Richard Osowski

Francis Joseph Prince

Eugene Theodore Ziemba

Roland Joseph Gagnon

##### SHEET METAL COURSE

Raymond Arthur Galipeau

Leo Roger Gauthier

##### ELECTRICAL

Albert Charles Mach

Donald James Reynolds

Albert Davis Vinton

##### DRAFTING

Leo Stanley Regis Jr.

##### FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Christy Skarani

William Gorham Wheaton

## VOCATIONAL HIGH DIPLOMA

### ELECTRICAL

Bernard John Horniak  
TRADE HIGH DIPLOMA

### PAINTING-DECORATING

Joseph Cleo Leduc

### PRINTING

Eugene Louis Mathieu

Earl Edward Remie

### MACHINIST

John Alfred Mikolajczak

Howard Anson Thompson

### OPHTHALMIC PRESCRIPTION GRINDING

Emo John Cierl

### EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

An increased demand for adult training in evening school over the last several years was noticeable. The subjects taken were:

COURSES	INSTRUCTOR	NO. ENROLLED
Building Estimating	William A. Julien	16
Cabinetmaking I	Frank P. Skinyon	25
Cabinetmaking II	William C. Nickerson	19
Drafting	George H. Braman	20
Electrical	Francis Couture	20
Machine I	Leo J. Grenier	26
Machine II	William Paul	15
Applied Mathematics	Lawrence Swenson	19
Plumbing	Antonio Blanchet	13
Welding—Sheet Metal	Mario Pellegrini	18
Furniture Refinishing	Harold Andrews	14

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### VETERANS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

UNDER G. I. BILL 346 and 16

#### TRADE TRAINING:

Seventy-five veterans are now enrolled in the three regular courses comprising twelve different trades. Fifteen graduated last June.

#### ON THE JOB TRAINING:

"On the job training" for veterans is supervised by Mr. Emery Lavallee. One hundred five business establishments conduct 140 vocational training objectives in this southern Worcester County areat. Thirty-eight establishments completed training objectives An average of three new establishments are approved weekly.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Mario Pellegrini succeeded Mr. Myron Sibley as instructor of Sheet Metal.

Mr. George Kerivan was appointed instructor of Physics and Physical Education.

### NEW TRAINING FACILITIES

#### PHYSICS

A physics laboratory was established to provide scientific understanding for students in the Vocational Technical Course and Drafting Course. It is also an accredited subject for entrance into schools of higher learning.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education program was started September 6, 1947. It is activated by intra-mural sports with all students taking part. The aim is to develop sound and well-balanced bodies capable of coordinating muscular exertions, stressing importance of personal hygiene, and creating good sportsmanship in organized competition.

#### SPORTS COACH

The instructor of this subject, Mr. Kerivan, is baseball and basketball.

#### NEW EQUIPMENT

We have received through the War Assets Administration, \$12,000 worth of equipment. This was received gratis, but at the cost of transportation. The outstanding items are: Heald Internal Grinder, Southwalk Hydraulic Press, Hammond Cutler Grinder, Leland-Gifford Rail Drill, Profile Grinder, Buffalo Sensitive Drill, 2 Comparators, 2 Portable Electric Generators, and 20 Transformers.

#### **GUIDANCE ROOM:**

A small room has been prepared by the Carpentry, Electrical, Paint and Sheet Metal Department for a Guidance Room.

#### **SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

Several meetings were held by the Cole Trade High Advisory Committee to discuss school policies, practices, and current problems.

The Cole Trade High Faculty met with the Alumni to discuss in what ways they can help the students of the school.

To the many people who have given of their time and shared their judgment in the promotion of vocational training programs conducted by this institution, I convey my sincere appreciation and thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL, DIRECTOR

#### **REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The purpose of our school health program is threefold. PROTECTION, GUIDANCE, AND EDUCATION in matters pertaining to the health of our pupils. It aims to prevent conditions that interfere with the pupil's health and retard his education, and seeks to obtain correction of such conditions already existent.

Therefore, for child of school age, the maintenance of good health and the attainment of physical fitness are objectives which must be sought cooperatively by the child's home, the community at large, and those agencies with whom the child spends any considerable portion of his time. During the school year, a child devotes nearly half his waking hours to the business of attending school. What our schools do to promote the good health of children during the hours they are in school should be important information for all homes, especially in these times.

Matters of health and physical fitness remain much in the news today. Too frequently, it has been and still is bad news—the high proportion of rejections by the armed forces not so long ago; great numbers of our American youth with correctible physical defects uncorrected; youths who cannot swim, when they have to swim. At home, we have reason to be apprehensive of keeping high the resistance of children to diseases for preventive measures. Parents should always remember that good health is the prime factor in education.

Since my last report, the school health programs has not undergone any spectacular or drastic changes. The ever-improving health standards in our schools continue to be maintained through the diligent cooperation and interest of all members of the School Personnel.

A brief summary of the nurse's work follows:

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Nine hundred twenty-seven pupils were examined. Two hundred fifty-nine defects were found and notices were mailed to parents. The nature of the defects found and reported for immediate attention or referred to physician or dentist, if not already under medical or dental supervision, were as follows:

Teeth	123
Throat	59
Feet	18
Nutrition	15
Skin	10
Scalps	12

Heart	9
Posture	5
Eyes	4
Ears	4

Three hundred twenty pupils' health cards were marked as Observation Cases—not referred for medical supervision at present.. Of these, 100 were for oral hygiene, nutrition, skin, and scalps. One hundred sixteen were for defective feet, and 72 were for poor posture. These pupils were made aware of their defects on examination and advised accordingly.

One objective to keep in mind, and for which to work, as suggested in last year's report, was the need of a trained physical education director who could devote one day a week in each school. Certainly the figures on defective feet and poor posture speak for themselves. Corrective posture measures and individual remedial work in the elementary grades would certainly prove very valuable in later life.

Beginning with the examinaiont, efforts are made ot see that all children in need of medical or dental attention have professional attention. In the case of needy children, defects were taken care of by some of our local agencies and clubs.

The nurse made 198 visits to schools. She assisted at 60 physical examinations sessions. She had 209 individual conferences with children. She had 17 conferences with parents in school in addition to the 58 home visits she made in reference to school health problems during the year. Vision of 358 pupils was tested. Hearing of 197 pupils was tested. First aid was rendered to 109 pupils. Two hundred fifty-four pupils received dental care at the Town Hall. Three high school boys were referred for x-ray at the chest clinic at the Town Hall.

#### CONFERENCES

Superintendent	11
Superintendent and School Physician	3
Principals	52
Teachers	37
School Physicians	22
Supervisor of Elementary Schools	10
Guidance Director	8
Athletic Coaches	5
Truant Officer	9
Board of Health Nurse	40
Social Worker	15
Board of Public Welfare	7
Clergymen	9
Commissioner of Health—Boston	3
Commissioner of Health—Worcester	2
State Orthopedic Supervisor	7
Other Agencies and Clubs	17

#### CLINICS

The nurse assisted the Board of Health Nurse with the following clinics during the year:

- 1 mobile "Diphtheria Booster Shot" clinic
- 4 regular Diphtheria Toxoid clinics for pre-school and school children
- 2 Pre-school registration clinics
- 2 Pre-school physical and dental examination clinics
- 10 Chest consultation clinics

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas seals again made it possible for Southbridge to send 5 girls to the Sterling Health Camp for a period of 8 weeks during the summer. Needless to say, all 5 girls profited greatly by this privilege.

Members of the Lions' Club again came forward with their most generous donation of \$1,000 to provide daily milk for our needy children. A

mere "thank you seems very inadequate for such a noble gesture.

Clothes were furnished 18 needy families during the year through the nurse's office. I would like to thank anyone who donated clothes and made it possible for us to distribute them where most needed.

During the year, further education of the nurse consisted of attendance at meetings and lectures. At present, the nurse is attending a series of 10 group discussions in Worcester in reference to current problems existing in the school health programs in surrounding towns and plans for future work in organizing School Health Councils.

In conclusion, I wish to state that the school cannot carry on a successful health program by itself. It requires the planning, cooperative support, and action of the entire community—home, school, and community must be coordinated. The school, however, has a definite responsibility in guiding pupils in the development of desirable health practices. This responsibility is shared by school authorities, health authorities, doctors, teachers, nurses, parents, and children all working in harmony with our School Medical Department as a part of the school health guidance program.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT

School Nurse

### REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

#### To the Superintendent of Schools:

The conditions under which many of the children who come to our schools live these days are entirely different from those of the pre-war period. We still find, however, as we did during the war years, that in many cases both the mother and father go to work early and stay at their jobs late while some older child helps the younger one, or a kind neighbor obligingly looks after the children next door. The school is about the only place the child can call home.

Even in cases where the child supposedly is guided by both father and mother, it is pertinent at times for the attendance officer to make a home visit to get better-acquainted with the parents and with the home conditions. Very often a home visit is urgent to check on the school behavior and the frequent absences of an "unsupervised" child. These home visits frequently result in school misapprehensions being set right and confidence in school being restored. Some parents are grateful for corrections of misapprehensions or for information regarding reports they have not understood clearly.

But what of other parents? Herein lies one of the major problems of the home visit. The parents whose children have the greatest need for help are usually those who are the most frustrated and helpless. The great majority of parents have little or no concept of the values of applied psychology and mental hygiene practices. Many parents, moreover, lack the background required to take and follow recommendations made during a home visit; others are simply unwilling to accept them. Further, parents who have normal children may fail to support the program of a home visit because they feel it to be entirely unnecessary in their case.

These are some of the problems with which the attendance officer is confronted during his home visits. There are many more. There is, for example, the parent of low and moderate income who has permitted his adolescent boy or girl to work long hours after school to pay for the clothes and small luxuries that seem so necessary to High School youngsters. Thus the child is often deprived not only of the essential recreation but also of the full use of his or her educational opportunities.

There is, again, the non-English speaking parent who finds it difficult to deal with his child's school problems and has trouble in securing the proper help. I only wish that these parents would come to the school for a friendly "chat" with the principal or the teacher. A pupil interpreter can be obtained to help the parent. Why should a child's welfare suffer because a parent does

not speak English when there is a way to help the child.

I believe a great many of these problems could very easily be straightened out if more parents were more sympathetic toward, and more understanding of the attendance officer's suggestions and recommendations; IF MORE PARENTS WOULD NOT BE INSULTED BY HOME VISITS FROM THE ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR. A visit by the parent to the school would also help a great deal to establish more harmonious relationships between the home and the school.

The following report gives an account of the work done during the past year:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	562
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,595
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	471
Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases, and other reasons	492
Cases investigated for home permits	38
Cases of persistent tardiness	49
Cases of children working unlawfully	42
Follow-up and friendly visits	63
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	7
Number of children adjusted to their school work	53
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	513
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	20
Number of employment certificates 14-16 limited	59
Home Permits	12
Newsboy's badges and Street Trades	5

Respectfully submitted

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Attendance Officer

## REPORT OF THE VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is a report of activity in the Visual Aids Department from January 1 to December 31, 1947.

In this period, the facilities of this department have been used by teachers in the various town schools and also by local civic institutions and organizations with the approbation of the school authority.

As a result of the defective mechanical condition of our sound projectors, extensive use of this type of visual aid was limited. Steps have been taken to replace this worn equipment by modern, up-to-date projectors.

The reservoir of free films available to schools is of great magnitude. These films furnished by the leaders in all phases of our economic life have tremendous teaching value.

With this new equipment, we do expect much wider use of sound films in the ensuing year.

Materials were distributed to the local schools as follows:

### MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

Motion Pictures	8
Exhibits	6
Film Strips	41
Slides (Sets)	12

### RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Film Strips	62
Metronoscope Rolls	5

### WEST STREET SCHOOL

Film Strips	44
Slides (Sets)	8
Pictures (Sets)	8

Exhibits	5
<b>MARCY STREET SCHOOL</b>	
Film Strips	33
Pictures (Sets)	9
Exhibits	3
<b>CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL</b>	
Film Strips	75
Slides (Sets)	14
Pictures (Sets)	12
Exhibits (Sets)	8
<b>EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL</b>	
Film Strips	44
Slides (Sets)	12
Pictures (Sets)	15
<b>COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL</b>	
Motion Pictures	18
Film Strips	22
<b>TOTALS:</b>	
Motion Pictures	26
Film Strips	321
Metronoscope Rolls	5
Exhibits	22
Slides (Sets)	46
Pictures (Sets)	43

Along with this activity during the school year, Mr. Raoul Lataille, Director of Playgrounds, presented weekly motion picture shows to the children of the town during the summer vacation as part of that activity. The facilities of this department were used to present these shows. Approximately 800 children a week attended these performances.

In closing, I am willing and ready at all times to offer the facilities of this department to all activities of civic importance.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM V. DELANEY, Director

## REPORT OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

For the school year closing June 20, 1947, there was in the Continuation School a total enrollment of thirteen girls whose time in this school varied from three weeks to the full forty weeks. All but three of these girls became sixteen years of age before the re-opening of school in the fall.

Classes met on Wednesdays from one o'clock to five in the afternoon. The first two hours were devoted to academic subjects, and the second two hours were given to Household Arts

Miss Louise Corbin had charge of classes in foods and clothing. Girls were taught simple sewing and the making of plain garments as well as remaking and freshening of worn clothing. In foods classes, they were taught elementary cooking, and the preparation and serving of breakfast and luncheon dishes.

Indeed the Household Arts Courses seem to hold the greatest interest for the girls. They can see the immediate and practical use of work in this field of learning.

The work in academic subjects covers a broad range—from grade six to grade nine—in English, arithmetic, civics or history, and health. In English, our aim has been to help the girl improve in oral and written self-expression in letter writing, while drills and exercises help her to remedy faulty language. The building of a large vocabulary is very important.

Arithmetic is planned for efficiency in simple calculation to meet everyday needs.

Guidance in the selection of magazines and books for leisure reading may

prove of lasting value for both information and pleasure to be derived. Surely it is an inexpensive and worthwhile pastime.

These girls have so little time in which to gather up the last bits of schooling to which they will be exposed that we must make our teaching "to the point" and of immediate use to them.

Respectfully submitted

LAURA B. DESMARAIS, Director

## REPORT OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the following complete report on the activities of the 1947 summer playgrounds is hereby submitted:

The Southbridge summer playground season opened on July 7 at Charlton Street, Eastford Road, River Street, and West Street schools. The season extended until August 15, a period of six weeks. These four playgrounds were open to all the community children from the parochial schools as well as the public schools. Every day, during that six-week period, from 9 to 11.30 A. M. and from 1 to 3.30 p. m. the playgrounds were in operation. The playground sites were the same as in the past years because of their convenient location, making them easily accessible to all children from all sections of town.

### PERSONNEL:

#### General

Director: Raoul O. Lataille

Supervisor, in charge of physical education: Lewis Kyrios

Payroll: Miss Elsie A. Hofstra, Secretary to Superintendent of Schools.

#### Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Charlotte Henderson

Senior Assistant: Miss Kathleen Frantz

Junior Assistants: Miss Helen Boucher, George Perikli

#### Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: William Nickerson

Senior Assistant: Mrs. Cathryn Maxwell

Junior Assistants: Miss Beverly Kezar, Miss Nancy Deignan

#### River Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed

Senior Assistant: Miss Dorothy Cargill

Junior Assistants: Miss Sophie Thomas, Jean Paul Casaubon

#### West Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Celestine Sweet

Junior Assistants: Miss Betty Lou Hart, Miss Claire LaForce,  
Philius Caron, Jr.

### ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE:

This year's total enrollment of 1399 again surpassed last year's record enrollment of 1,327 by 72 children. We attribute the increase in enrollment to the fact that we continue to add, each year, some apparatus, equipment, or craft material that is very appealing to the youngsters. The daily attendance did not fluctuate as much as in the past. It remained more constant.

Total playground enrollment

1,399

Average daily attendance

582

Average percentage of attendance

41.6

Largest daily attendance

769

### PUBLIC INTEREST:

The parents of our playground children showed an increasing interest over the previous year. Over 200 parents visited the playgrounds on a very successful Open House Parents' Night. In addition, many parents visited the playgrounds during the regular season.

Crafts on display were examined with keen interest, and many parents

asked questions, advice, and instructions on some crafts to their liking.

The local and county newspapers contributed immensely to our banner year by featuring articles and by taking pictures of various interesting playground scenes. Our local newspaper gave us a column each day "On the Playgrounds" which described all playground events and also gave an account of coming events. The interest in this column reached a new high with the children who always looked forward to seeing their names in the papers and to knowing the important coming events.

#### MEETINGS:

Every Monday morning at 8 o'clock, the five supervisors met with the director of the playgrounds to discuss problems, to visualize plans for the remainder of the season, to outline various contemplated activities, and to secure materials for the proper completion of arts and crafts.

Following this meeting, each supervisor met with his or her staff to relay the important details of the supervisors' meeting and to discuss their own personal problems.

A final annual picnic and staff meeting was held at Howe Pond in Spencer.

#### ACCIDENTS:

I am indeed happy to report again this year the absence of any accident at any one of the four playing areas. The credit for this fine record, considering the large number of children attending the playground, is a tribute to the staff for its incessant efforts in maintaining order and supervision.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

Except for the regularly scheduled intra- and inter-playground games, the daily program was always planned according to the group present.

The taking of attendance was always the first step of every morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of each session.

Various activity games, group games, quite games, story telling and arts crafts formed the largest part of the day's program.

#### RAINY DAY PROGRAM:

Rain or shine, the playgrounds were always open, two sessions each day, for the five-day period. The gymnasium at each school was available for play on stormy days.

The rainy day programs at each playground were somewhat varied but included the following activities:

Feature movies	Quite indoor games
Arts and crafts	More active indoor games
Group singing	Story telling
Folk dancing	Special playground programs

#### PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES:

Intra playground sports enjoyed last summer both by boys and girls included: basketball, touch football, zelball, paddle tennis, handball, table tennis, croquet, badminton, horseshoes, and many others.

Inter-playground competition took place in the following sports:

Boys: baseball, softball, table tennis, horseshoes, and quoits. GIRLS badminton, croquet, volleyball, and dodge ball.

An addition to our competitive program was a schedule of inter-playground midget boys' contest in softball and also a weekly game with the YM-CA Day Camp team.

Other daily activities consisting of use of apparatus included: baby swings, slides, high swings, jungle gyms, and parallel bars. The high swings purchased two years ago were received and installed at each playground. This addition of apparatus was received with enthusiasm by the children, so much so that these swings were in constant use. New slides at Charlton Street playgrounds were also purchased and were also in constant use. Replacement slide chutes for West Street and Eastford Road playgrounds were still not available. This project is anticipated for this coming year.

The addition of a new "zelball" game proved to be a heavy favorite with the youngsters who sweated and paddled all day long on the tiny tennis ball.

All playgrounds had sand-boxes and various crafts for the younger children including block games, jig-saw puzzles, colored crayons with already outlined pictures to color, Activity groups, dancing and singing games were always very popular with the young ones.

#### PLAYGROUND CHAMPIONS

The Charlton Street boys took the playground championship banner away from the West Street playground but only after a real struggle.

The playground champion was again determined by a point system and the largest number of points garnered by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champions" banner. Points 5-3-1 for first, second, and third places, respectively, for baseball, softball, etc. and each event of the Field Day which took place during the final week of playgrounds added to the points won at the swimming meet served to determine the winner of the banner.

The total number of points garnered by each playground during the summer follows:

West Street.....	238	Eastford Road.....	30
River Street.....	131	Charlton Street.....	245

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS:

The Arts and Crafts program at Summer playgrounds showed better results than ever in the past. A large number of articles and a large number of different articles made by a correspondingly larger number of children were made.

A very extensive craft program including bead, leather and felt craft, sewing, embroidery, basketry, crafts with yarn and silk, and numerous other crafts was planned.

All the crafts made at the playgrounds this summer were exhibited August 13 and 14 in a downtown store, and were returned to their rightful owners on the last playground day at 9 A. M.

Emphasis is placed on crafts for many reasons: First it teaches children to make things with their own hands; second, it teaches them to make useful things; third, it gives them the assurance that they can do something useful; fourth, it keeps them out of mischief, because they are busy; fifth, it teaches them the proper ways and methods of handwork; sixth, it teaches them proper and adequate hand-control and steadiness.

Craft activities were so planned and craft materials were so elected that each age group from three years of age to seventeen years of age was kept busy with some little article to do.

The following tabulation gives an account of the craftwork done by the playground children this summer: There were 63 different craft projects for a total of 2,109 articles made during the first five weeks of the season compared to 38 different craft projects for a total of 1,929 articles made during the same period last year. The articles made were divided in the following way:

Pricked sewing cards	698	Pin cushions	7
Potholders	220	Crocheted hats	7
Colored pictures	219	Leather wallets	7
Wooden bead necklaces	131	Felt girl's belt	7
Leather belts	128	Stuffed animals	7
Large button cards	72	Plastic place mats	6
Waffle mats	62	Stenciled pictures	6
Wooden bead bracelets	56	Leather suspenders	5
Shoe button bead necklaces	33	Corde bags	5
Felt drawstring pouch bags	33	Yarn pouches	5
Dish towels (embroidered)	33	Plant pot mats	5
Doll hats	31	Crocheted hair bands	4
Baskets	28	Corde hats	3
Indian bead necklaces	27	Leather head bands	3
Stenciled articles	22	Knitted belts	3
Clay models	18	Curtain pulls	2
Coasters	18	Bean bags	2
Shoe button bead bracelets	17	Felt hair bands	2
Plastic bracelets	17	Crocheted belts	2

Etched articles	15	Chairback set (embroidered)	2
Dutch felt hats	14	Yarn dolls	2
Painted glasses	14	Leather bracelet	1
Beanie hats	13	Knitted	1
Indian bead bracelets	13	Luncheon set (embroidered)	1
Shoe lace cards	11	Knitted mittens	1
Mexican wooden belts	10	Kerchiefs	1
Mackle bags	10	Metal bracelet	1
Scarfs (embroidered)	9	Felt pocketbook	1
Felt baby mittens	8	Tea pot holder	1
Scottie hats	8	Felt needle book	1
Vanity sets (embroidered)	11	Felt moccasins	8
		Total articles	2,109

#### WATER DAY:

Over 400 children took part in the fourth annual water day held at the municipal pool on July 29. A large group of children competed in the twenty-three different events listed for the four different age groups for boys and girls. Swimming events started at 10 A. M. and three lifeguards were on duty to insure the safety of the children.

The results of the meet were as follows:

West Street	122	Charlton Street	27
River Street	52	Eastford Road	6

After a picnic, competitive inter-playground games were held for boys and girls in horseshoes, badminton, croquet, volleyball and dodge-ball before the children were allowed to go back to the water.

#### TRACK MEET:

The playground children enjoyed a beautiful warm day for the fifth annual Field Day held at Wellsworth Field on August 12. The track meet started at 9:30 A. M. and ended at 3 P. M. About 400 children took part and vied for honors in the series of forty track events and feature contest listed for boys, and girls.

The director, supervisors, and assistants at the playgrounds acted as judges, measurers, and starters at each event. The blue, red, and yellow ribbons awarded each year for first, second, and third placers in each event were given to the children the following morning at each playground. The results of the meet were as follows:

Through the graciousness of the Southbridge Rotary Club, a gift of \$50 was awarded to the playgrounds for additional prizes. This amount was to be divided equally (12.50) among the four different age groups. The awards were to be given to the three contestants in each group garnering the largest number of points for themselves on the basis of 5-3-1 points for, second; and third places respectively. The winners were not allowed to receive the cash money but had the privilege of purchasing whatever they wanted at a store of their choice. Foresight on their part prompted them to purchase clothes and school supplies because of the approaching opening of school.

This gift of \$50 was given in future anticipation of a Junior Olympics Day planned by the Rotary Club in cooperation with the summer playground program.

Many thanks again to the members of the Rotary Club.

#### MUSIC PROGRAM:

Instead of a music supervisor traveling from playground to playground, one of the assistants at each playground was in charge of the music program. The older boys and girls were taught old-fashioned country dances and songs to go with dances. All children enjoyed group singing of cowboy songs and other outdoor and patriotic songs.

An Amateur Show, the culminating point of our parents' "Open House" night, was held at each playground. The parents present acted as judges and selected the three best acts. Prizes were awarded these winners. The "Town-wide Amateur Show" comprising the three winners from each playground was held at Eastford Road playground, August 11 at 2 P. M. and the three grand-prize winners were selected and awarded prizes.

May I personally state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me directly or indirectly in making the the 1947 playground season a banner season from every angle. In playground work, as well as in any other line, the head person gets all the credit for the work done by the subordinates, I would like to say, before I complete this report, that without the help of the supervisors and assistants at each playground, none of the plans formulated would ever be possible.

Respectfully submitted

RAOUL O. LATAILLE, DIRECTOR

## REPORT OF ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### To the Superintendent of Schools:

This year, the Adult Education Division of the School Department has been able to broaden greatly its scope of activities and courses through and with the cooperation of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Naturally, a need must be expressed before any course can be organized and interest must also be shown by continued attendance. This, I believe all real needs have been met and satisfied.

To those wishing to continue or perfect themselves in any phase of high school work, courses were offered and, in every instance, local teachers took charge of the group except when more teachers of a subject were needed than were available locally.

It was interesting to note the great interest evinced in the cooking classes by a great number of new brides or about-to-be brides; also in the sewing classes where present day economic conditions brought mothers of several children to school nights to conquer the "High Cost of Living."

A course for veterans only was opened to give a general review of mathematics to those wishing to continue or further their college education.

Over at the Trade School where one may improve or develop hand skills or crafts, one found a real workshop. Here, all trades could be learned or improved by attendance in the Evening School. The teachers were found adequate, and local industry cooperated in one instance with a skilled tradesman when the course, not being offered days, had no teacher available. Everything from estimating the cost of a home to building it, and refinishing the furniture was offered. In this way, I believe the Southbridge School Department has carried out the wishes of the State Department of Education in offering courses which answered the needs and interests of the local residents.

One must also remember the community's obligation to all non-citizens. For its own good, the town must help them overcome their language difficulty in as short a time as possible. This helps them become of value to an employer and the sooner this is done, the sooner they become self-supporting and, thereby, become an asset rather than a liability.

At the beginning of this year, classes were held Saturday mornings in the American Optical plant for men who worked nights. Finding the students very eager and anxious to learn at a more rapid rate, late afternoon classes were begun at the High School.

Men and women in attendance at the evening English classes include a great number of Repatriates who are American citizens but who had returned to their parents' native country at an early age. These people were able to return immediately after the war because of their citizenship by birth, yet knowing nothing of the language. They are very anxious to be American citizens in the full sense of the word.

The class in American Citizenship is attended by those desiring to become citizens because of long residence here, or because they have married local citizens. This class deals mainly with American History and Government.

Still trying to answer community needs, a Civil Service class for men desiring to take the examinations for the local police force was organized, for, with adequate preparation, half the battle is won.

We hope and really feel that the interests of Southbridge have been met, and to continue to do so is our honest endeavor .

Respectfully submitted

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, Director

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL  
CLASSES — MARRY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This school year marked the re-establishment of University Extension and Evening Vocational classes after a lapse of two years. The following classes were started with full enrollments in September:

1. Elementary Typewriting
2. Advanced Typewriting
3. Elementary Stenography
4. Painting and sketching
5. Business English
6. Mathematics—for veterans only
7. Five classes of Sewing and Dressmaking
8. Cooking

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

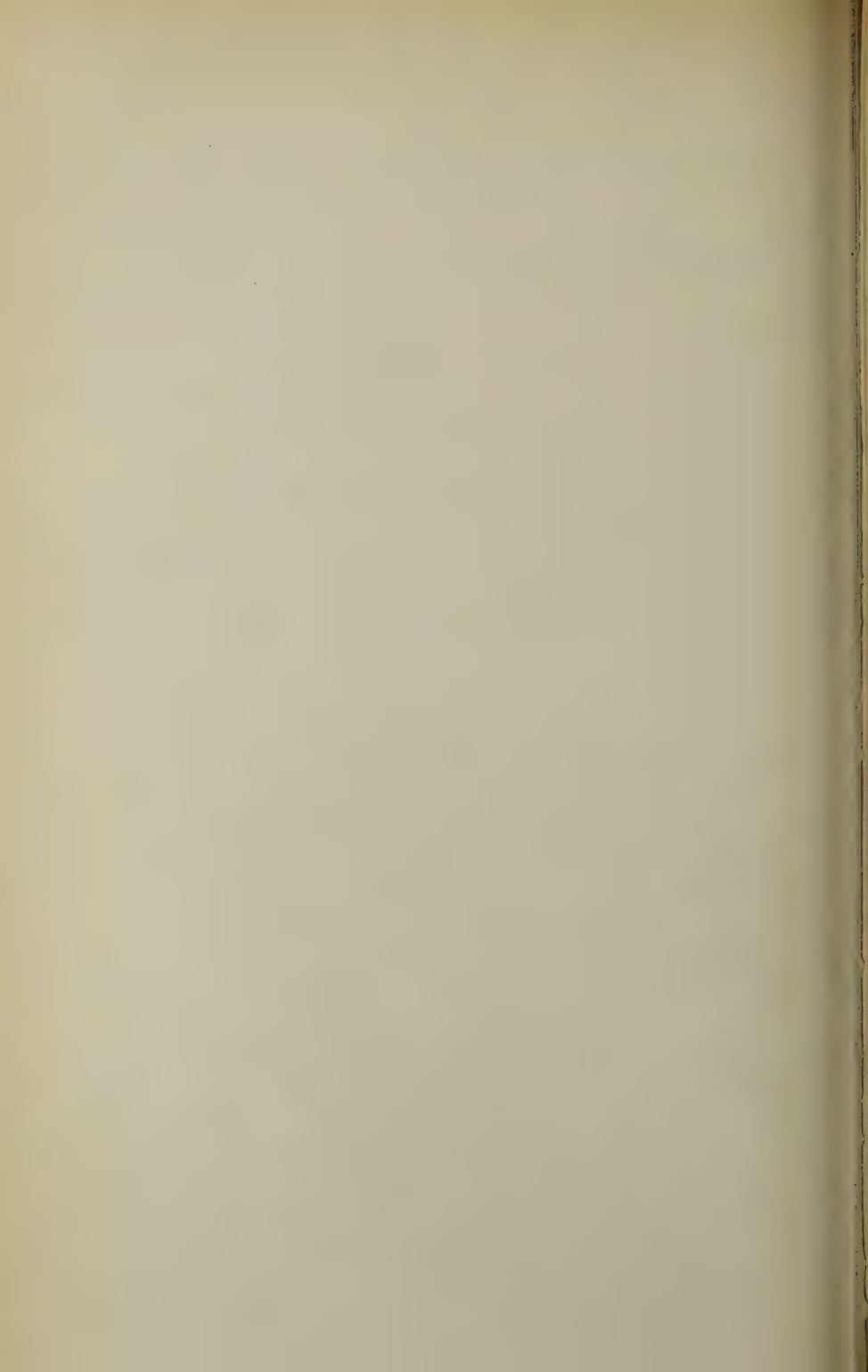
The demand was particularly heavy in dressmaking when five classes were formed necessitating instruction each school night of the week.

Other classes will be started when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal





THIRTY-SECOND REPORT

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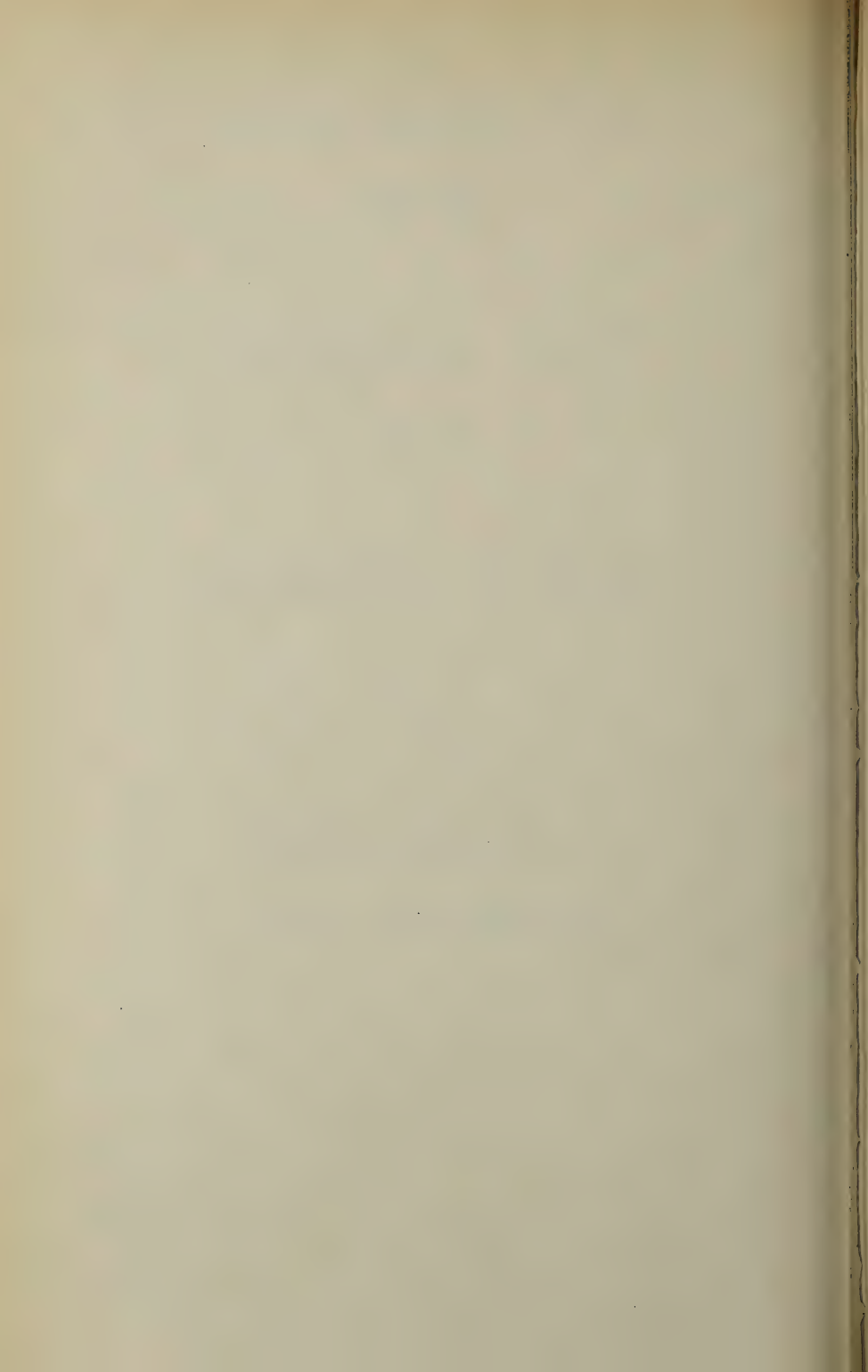
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

*For the year ending*

*December 31, 1947*



# RECEIPTS 1947

## GENERAL REVENUE

### Taxes:

#### Current Year:

Poll	8,240.00
Personal	121,037.83
Real Estate	594,316.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	29,696.27

753,290.77

#### Previous Years:

Poll	8.00
Personal	1,239.51
Real Estate	23,463.44
Motor Vehicle Excise	855.80
Motor Vehicle Excise	

853.80

25,564.75

#### From State:

Income Tax	69,222.92
Business—Corporation Tax	68,533.65

137,756.57

### Licenses and Permits:

#### Licenses:

Liquor	14,219.00
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	143.50
Sunday Store	144.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	171.00
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	95.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	171.00
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	136.00
Auto Dealers	60.00
Auctioneers	14.00
Taxis and Drivers	226.00
Firearms	70.50
All Others	129.50

15,408.50

#### Permits:

Garage	58.00
Gas and Motor Oil	16.50
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	
All Others (Circus Permit)	

74.50

#### Fines and Forfeits:

##### Court Fines

962.00

#### Grants and Gifts—State

Vocational and American Education and	
English Speaking Classes	27,484.32
George Barden School Fund	432.00
George Deen School Fund	399.00
Smith Hughes School Fund	4,843.04
Highway Distribution Fund	13,142.38
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	3,519.46
State Boxing Commission	90.63

49,910.83

1,791.23

County—Dog Licenses

# Highway Aid:

## State and County—Chapter 90:

Contract No. 9717—1946	1,798.78
Contract No. 10120—1946	8,295.45
Contract No. 10121—1946	5,337.13

15,431.36

## Federal—Grants and Gifts

Aid to Dependent Children	5,523.85
Old Age Assistance	58,362.38

63,886.23

Federal Housing Projects in lieu of Taxes 10,613.12

## All Other General Revenue:

Tax Demands	103.95
Redemption of Deed	6.00
Tax Title Redeemed	658.74
Tax Title Sales	10.00
Sale of Lands — Low Value	99.94

878.63

## Total General Revenue

1,075,568.49

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

### Departmental:

#### General Government:

Selectmen	3.00
Engineer	20.00
Town Hall Rental	1,016.75

1,039.75

## Total General Government

1,039.75

## Protection of Persons and Property

### Police:

Station Rental	1,250.00
Sale of Automobile	780.00
Telephone Toll Calls	8.65

2,038.65

### Fire:

Sale of Old Materials	132.25
No. 2 Station Hall Rental	60.00
All Others	32.75

225.00

## Sealer of Weights & Measures:

Sealing Fees of 1946	100.80
Ambulance Fees	1,499.30

## Total Protection of Persons and Property

3,863.75

### Health & Sanitation:

Contagious Diseases	—
Tuberculosis	965.72
All Others	—

### Sewer Department

## Total Health & Sanitation

965.72

### Highways:

Rental of Equipment	2390.93
Re-surfacing of Streets	143.21
Snow Removal & Driveway Oiling	26.23

Sale of Materials	96.86		
		2,656.73	
Total Highways			2,656.73
Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits:			
Benefits:			
Temporary Aid—Reimbursements:			
From Cities and Towns	183.65		
From State	7,188.89		
From Individuals	345.00		
		7,717.54	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Reimbursements			
From State		6,513.81	
Old Age Assistance:			
Reimbursements			
From State		46,028.46	
From Cities and Towns			
Infirmary:			
Reimbursements		10.00	
Child Welfare Service:			
Reimbursements		10.00	
From State	1,860.00		
From Towns	780.00		
		2,640.00	
Veterans Benefits:			
State Aid	530.00		
Military Aid	495.00		
2nd World War Allowance	701.75		
		1,726.75	
Total Public Welfare and Veterans Benefits			64,636.56
Schools and Libraries:			
Schools:			
Tuition—Cole Trade, High, Elementary			
Schools and Veterans Vocation	22,070.90		
Tuition and Transportation of State			
Wards	1,535.65		
Sale of Books and Supplies	362.07		
All Other	77.50		
		24,046.12	
Libraries:			
Fines and Sales		1,340.94	
Total Schools and Libraries			25,387.06
Unclassified:			
Airport Rental	400.00		
Tailings	159.48		
Town Hall Windstorm Damage Insurance	1,024.03		
Total Unclassified		1,583.51	1,583.51
Total Departmental Revenue			100,133.08
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			
Sewers:			
Sewers Added to Taxes	386.58		
Unapportioned Sewers	3,762.98		
Paid in Advance			
		4,149.56	

# RECEIPTS

Sidewalks:		
Sidewalks added to Taxes		
Unapportioned Sidewalks	1,121.92	
Paid in advance		
		1,121.92
Total Assessments Revenue		5,271.48
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots and Graves	870.00	
Graves Opened	547.00	
Foundations Installed	25.75	
		1,442.75
Total Cemetery Revenue		1,442.75
INTEREST		
General:		
On Deferred Taxes	666.60	
Tax Titles Redeemed	41.21	
		707.81
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalks	1.24	
Sewers	45.63	
		46.87
On Motor Vehicle Excise		.76
On Trust and Investment Funds:		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	57.50	
Mary Mynott (Library)	20.00	
Cemetery Funds (General Care)	1,791.64	
		1,869.14
Total Interest Revenue		2,624.58
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		300,000.00
General Loans:		
Worcester St. Sewer	35,000.00	
South St. Paving	30,000.00	
		65,000.00
Premium on Loans		211.35
Total Loan Revenue		365,211.35
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		
Agency:		
Dog License Fees—County	1,974.00	
Federal Tax on Employees' Wages	52,744.55	
Tri-Community Chest	58.00	
Blue Cross	3,890.74	
		58,667.29
Trust and Investment:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,000.00	
Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
		4,375.00
Total Agency, Trust and Investment		63,042.29

## REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

### General Departments:

Selectmen	.57
Town Hall	8.51
Highway	1.00
Police	5.50
Schools	68.46
Public Welfare	113.25
Aid to Dependent Children	55.95
Old Age Assistance	198.95
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant	433.99
Veterans Benefits—Salaries	21.63
Old Age Survivors Insurance	60.00
Teachers Retirement	66.78
Hillside Sewer	4.35
Insurance Account	33.14

1,072.08

### Transfer

### Total Refunds and Transfer

1,072.08

### Total Revenue

1,614,366.10

### Cash on Hand, January 1, 1947

347,264.01

1,961,630.11

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### MODERATOR:

Salary 60.00

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Postage	37.49
Association Dues	10.00
Filing Cabinet	73.74
Stenographic Services	11.10

132.33

192.33

### SELECTMEN:

#### Salaries & Wages:

Chairman	550.00
2 Members	900.00
Clerical Assistance	1,890.00

3,340.00

### OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	66.84
Printing and Advertising	158.75
Travel, Mileage, Meals, Etc.	
Telephones	113.04
Office Equipment & Maintenance	17.94
New Office Equipment—Desk St.	15.68
Miscellaneous & Association Dues	12.60

384.85

3,724.85

### ACCOUNTANT:

#### Salaries & Wages:

Accountant	3,000.00
Clerk	749.17

Clerical Assistance 165.06

3,914.23

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	63.57
Binding and Printing	353.78
Telephones	26.39
Equipment and Maintenance	7.50
Association Dues	22.00
Travel Expenses	80.92
All Other	3.02

557.18

4,471.41

TREASURER:

Salaries & Wages:

Treasurer	2,255.00
Clerk	1,563.00
Clerical Assistance	70.90

3,888.90

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office, Supplies, Stationery and Postage	391.50
Printing and Advertising	155.36
Equipment & Maintenance	68.62
New Office Equipment—Burroughs Adding Machine	180.00
Telephones	38.62
Surety Bonds and Insurance	346.92
Tax Titles Foreclosure	577.85
Certification of Notes	12.00
Travel Expenses	35.71
All Other	10.68

1,817.26

5,706.16

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salaries & Wages:

Collector	3,000.00
Collector's 1946 Salary Adjustment	400.00
Clerk	1,560.00
Clerk's 1946 Salary Adjustment	156.00
Clerical Assistance	103.65

5,219.65

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	607.48
Printing and Advertising	415.50
Telephone	39.62
Surety Bonds and Insurance	290.72
Equipment & Maintenance	22.33
Deputy Collectors' Fees	50.00
Tax Taking and Recording Expenses	10.00
Association Dues and Travel Exp.	47.46

Collector's Local Travel 50.00

1,533.11

6,752.76

ASSESSORS:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors—2 Members 1,100.00  
Clerk of Board 3,000.00  
Clerical Assistance 1,404.00  
Clerk of Board's—1946 Salary Adjustment 400.00

5,904.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage 98.58  
Printing, and Advertising and Binding 155.57  
Auto Hire and Travel 257.02  
Association Dues 6.00  
Telephone 38.87  
Addressograph Equipment 43.10  
Equipment and Maintenance 36.30  
Registry of Deeds—Abstracts 279.84

915.28

6,819.28

OTHER FINANCE OFFICERS & ACCOUNTS:

Printing & Certification of Bonds and Notes:

Certifying 69.00  
Printing Coupons—South St. Pavement,  
Worcester St. Sewer Loans 47.50

116.50

116.50

LAW:

Salaries & Wages:

Town Counsel 1,200.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Transcribing & Recording Fees 142.43  
Travel Expenses 28.20  
Office Supplies 2.50  
Association Dues 10.00  
Telephone 6.07  
Printing & Advertising 52.00

241.20

1,441.20

TOWN CLERK:

Salaries & Wages:

Town Clerk 1,760.00  
Clerk 660.00

2,420.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and  
Postage 282.20  
Printing and Advertising 36.39  
Telephone 90.56  
Surety Bonds & Insurance 45.62  
New Equipment—2 Files, Desk

Set and File Box	90.28	
Equipment & Maintenance	29.45	
Association Dues & Travel Exp.	5.00	
Miscellaneous	27.96	
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		607.46
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<b>ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:</b>		3,027.46
Salaries and Wages:		
3 Registrars	300.00	
Clerk of Board	150.00	
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		450.00
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers	998.44	
All Other	140.25	
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		1,138.69
<b>OTHER EXPENSES—ELECTION:</b>		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	12.92	
Printing and Advertising	227.28	
Meals	256.18	
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		496.38
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		2,085.07
<b>OTHER EXPENSES—RE-LISTING:</b>		
Salaries & Wages:		
Office Clerical	1,012.95	
Assistant Registrars	614.90	
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		1,627.85
<b>EXPENSES:—RE-LISTING:</b>		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies		
Printing Poll List Books 2M	662.55	
Printing	161.29	
Equipment and Maintenance	11.50	
Taxi Fares	10.88	
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		846.22
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		2,474.07
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>		
Salaries and Wages:		
Engineer (Refunded 1948 overpayment \$100.00)	5,300.00	
Assistant Engineer	2,781.60	
Helper & Clerical Assistance	3,446.80	
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		11,528.40
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES:</b>		
Office Supplies, Stationery Printing & Postage	198.02	
Office Equipment & Maint.	4.87	
Telephone	83.32	
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		286.21
<b>FIELD EXPENSES</b>		
Materials & Supplies	195.77	
Mileage & Travel	596.65	
New Equipment & Maintenance	54.74	

Cement Bounds		847.16	
			12,661.77
TOWN HALL:			
Salaries & Wages:			
Janitor	2,728.00		
Helpers	51.00		
		2,779.00	
OTHER EXPENSES:			
Fuel	2,504.36		
Lights	756.10		
Janitors Supplies	347.19		
Repairs	394.66		
Telephone	24.34		
Equipment & Maintenance	119.96		
Water	61.21		
All Other	13.86		
		4,221.68	
			7,000.68
PLANNING BOARD:			
Supplies, Postage & Printing	76.67		
Dues and Advertising	38.25		
Travel	51.60		
		161.52	
			166.52
RETIREMENT BOARD			
Administration		1,030.00	
			1,030.00
Total General Government			57,670.06
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY			
POLICE DEPT:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Chief	3,464.88		
Patrolmen	43,618.81		
Special Police	4,287.65		
Caretaker of Station	1,789.49		
Labor-Painting Street Lines	323.15		
			53,463.98
EQUIPMENT and MAINTENANCE:			
Motor Equipment	953.57		
Gas, Oil, Etc.	1,124.75		
Gas and Oil	392.62		
Alarm Boxes, Etc.	145.99		
Miscellaneous	50.91		
		1,172.00	
HYDRANT SERVICE:			
Shoveling Hydrants	109.50		
Hydrant Service	16,266.25		
			16,375.75
Equipment for Men	293.64		
Photography & Fingerprinting	47.89		

Radio Equipment & Maintenance	366.18	
		2,786.03
NEW AUTOMOBILE:		
1947 Ford Tudor		1,504.21
FUEL and LIGHTS:		
Fuel	435.85	
Lights	264.79	
		700.64
MAINTENANCE of BUILDING & GROUNDS:		
Repairs	613.24	
Janitors Supplies	115.20	
Water Service	37.44	
Rubbish Removal & All Other	26.85	
		792.73
OFFICERS & PRISONERS' EXPENSES:		
Officers' Travel	4.50	
Matron and Guards	19.50	
Feeding and Medical Care	375.50	
		399.50
TRAFFIC CONTROL:		
Labor (See Salary & Wages) Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.		3 9.08
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	80.93	
Telephone & Police Signals	1,237.85	
Office Equipment & Maint.	14.56	
Association Dues & Travel and Mixcellaneous	28.00	
		1,361.34
Total Police Department		61,377.51
FIRE DEPT:	?	
Salaries and Wages:		
Chief	3,234.00	
Deputy Call Cheif	400.00	
Permanent Firemen	38,784.13	
Call Men	4,733.12	
Superintendent of Alarms	350.80	
Assistant Clerk of Fire Dept.	100.00	
Other Employees-See Hydrant Serv.		
		47,601.25
EQUIPMENT, NEW AND ADDITIONAL:		
1947 Mercury Sedan	1,624.35	
New Tires and Tubes	673.61	
Equipment of Men	164.08	
Accessories and Supplies	279.93	
Air Masks & Smoke Ejector	1,322.27	
Shop Equipment	398.81	
Hose Equipment & Supplies		
		4,463.05
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:		
Radio Equipment & Maintenance	55.73	
Apparatus Repairs	526.75	
FUEL, LIGHTS & WATER:		
Fuel	1,155.98	
Lights	365.31	

# EXPENDITURES

1947

Water	69.57
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1,590.86

## MAINTENANCE of BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Repairs	237.47
Furniture & Furnishings	25.01
Laundry	83.74
Janitors Supplies & All Other	403.29

749.51

## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	126.26
Telephone	171.93
Office Equipmnet and Maintenance	—
Travel Expenses	76.55
Travel Expenses—Out of State	30.00
Food for Men	12.70
Association Dues	12.00
Miscellaneous	3.00

432.44

Total Ambulance

6,616.02

Total Fire Department

72,384.86

## FOREST FIRE:

### Salaries and Wages:

Warden	200.00
Fighting Fires	—
Patrolling	—

200.00

## Other Expenses :

Auto Rental—For Fire Patrol	—
Gasoline and Oil	122.34
Hose	180.37
Apparatus Maintenance and Accessories	2.52
Materials and Supplies	61.34
Darling Fire Pump	225.00

591.57

Total Forest Fire

791.57

## AMBULANCE:

New Cadillac and Accessories—	—
(Paid \$307.50 deposit in 1946)	6,132.95
New Stretcher and Blankets	—
Repairs and Maintenance of Ambulance	237.03
Gasoline and Oil	99.60
Ambulance Equipment and Maintenance	128.69
Drivers' Expenses	17.75

483.07

# SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

## Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Sealer 1,300.00

## Other Expenses:

Advertising 2.00  
 Materials and Supplies 14.82  
 Travel Allowance 300.00  
 Equipment and Maintenance 17.69  
 Liability Insurance 3.00

337.51

## Total Sealer of Weights and Measures

1,637.51

## DOG OFFICER:

### Salaries and Wages

Salary

### Other Expenses:

Board and Feed 299.88  
 Killing and Burying 85.00

384.88

384.88

## STREET LIGHTING:

Street Lights 14,789.69  
 Traffic Lights—Central, Hamilton  
 and East Main Streets 276.17

15,065.86

15,065.86

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

### Salaries and Wages:

Salary

125.00

### Other Expenses:

Postage and Supplies  
 Mileage for Travel 69.80

194.80

## BUILDING INSPECTOR:

### Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Inspector

300.00

### Other Expenses:

Dues 5.00  
 Desk Set and Shaeffer Pen 23.25  
 Travel Allowance 52.00

80.25

380.25

## WIRE INSPECTOR:

### Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Inspector

300.00

### Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage 35.06  
 Travel Allowance 63.03  
 Telephone

98.09

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398.09

## PLANTING & TRIMMING TREES:

### Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	334.50
Labor	60.80

395.30

### Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools	—
Tree Fertilizer	—
Trees Planted	60.00
Truck Rental	294.00
Materials and Supplies	—

354.00

749.30

## PSY & BROWN TAIL MOTH EXTERMINATION:

### Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	170.50
Labor	57.00

227.50

### Other Expenses:

Truck Rental	172.50
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400.00

## Total Protection of Persons and Property

160,380.65

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### HEALTH:

#### General Administration:

##### Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	330.00
Board Physician	330.00
School Physician	770.00
Agent	550.00
Nurse	1,900.00
Plumbing Inspector	2,300.00
Food and Provision Inspector	110.00
Milk Inspector	204.98
Slaughtering Inspector	385.00
Dentists-Dental Clinic	700.00
Podiatrist	250.00
Clerical Assistance	236.50

8,066.48

##### Other Administration Expenses

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	78.81
Printing and Advertising	124.53
Telephone	61.17
Office Equipment and Maintenance	15.00

279.51

## Quarantine, Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis:

Board and Care—Quarantine	—
Medical Attendance	53.00
Drugs and Medical Supplies	15.09

Dry Goods and Clothings	—	
Groceries and Provisions	—	
Cash Aid	85.71	
Hospitals	—	
Cities and Towns	—	
Miscellaneous	—	
Worcester County Sanitorium	3,087.00	
		3,240.80
Vital Statistics:		
Birth Returns	142.00	
Death Returns	36.50	
		178.50
Inspectors' Expenses:		
Plumbing Inspector:		
Association Dues and Travel	243.12	
Food and Provisions Inspector:		
Travel	102.35	
Milk Inspector:		
Association Dues and Travel—Materials and Supplies	162.97	
Nurse:		
Travel	29.21	
Slaughtering Inspector:		
Travel and Supplies	105.50	
		643.15
Dental Clinic Supplies:		61.80
Other Expenses:		
Association Dues and Travel		19.85
Nuisance Abatement		239.10
Garbage Collection:		
Contract		4,999.92
Total Health		17,729.11
SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPT:		
Gen. Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Commissioners	299.99	
Caretaker	2,405.34	
		2,705.33
Administration Expenses		
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	5.34	
Telephone and Miscellaneous	87.03	
		92.37
General Expenses:		
Labor	452.90	
Tools and Equipment	1,005.42	
Pipe, Fittings and Supplies	—	
Manholes Repaired	145.00	
Repairs to Sewer Lines	94.21	
Miscellaneous	4.00	
		1,701.53
Buildings and Grounds:		
Building, Repairs and Materials	36.07	
Fuel and Lights	21.90	

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## Cleaning Catch Basins:

### Truck and Tractor Maintenance:

Gas, Oil and Repairs	306.73
Garage Rent	36.00
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342.73

4,899.93

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22,629.04

## Total Health and Sanitation

## HIGHWAYS, SNOW & ICE

### General Administration:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	600.00
Superintendent	2,860.00
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3,460.00

#### Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	86.51
Telephone	165.68
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#### Equipment:

Adding Machine (Burroughs)	63.00
Time Clock Recorder	169.60
All Other	22.27
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252.19

254.87

### General Maintenance:

Labor, Clerk Operator & Timekeeper	24,141.63
Truck Hire	<hr/>
Equipment Rental	256.00
General Equipment and Repairs	1,004.92
Crushed Stone, Gravel, etc.	1,694.22
Tarvis, Road Oil, etc.	5,523.48
Other Road Materials and Supplies	1,346.06
First Aid Supplies	152.22
All Other	295.15
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34,413.68

### New Road Machinery:

Nelson Snow Loader	6,500.00
Sand Spreader	350.00
1947 International Truck	2,745.75
Monarch Hydraulic Lift	264.00
All Other	8.00
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9,867.75

### ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE:

Repairs and Maintenance	4,794.11
Gas and Oil	3,323.09
Miscellaneous	126.43
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8,243.63

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Maintenance and Repairs	26.11
Fuel, Lights and Water	635.40
Equipment and Maintenance	132.75

All Other

4.75799.01

57,291.13

## TOWN DUMP AND RUBBISH

Labor—Town Dump	1,408.50
Rental of Town Dump	375.00
Rubbish Collection—Labor, Contract	2,750.00
Advertising	8.00

4,541.50

4,541.50

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Labor and Clerk Operator, Timekeeper	10,136.27
Truck, Shovel and Bulldozer Rental	2,303.25
Team Hire	173.50
Cal. Chloride, Salt and Sand	761.84
Food and Meals	167.05
Tools and Equipment	30.00
Snow Fences	58.98

13,630.89

13,630.89

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE: STATE AND  
COUNTY AID NO. 9455—Contract No. 10,338  
Woodstock Road:

Labor	490.54
Truck Hire	298.41
Materials and Supplies	937.12

1,726.07

## OLD WOODSTOCK ROAD:

Labor	20.40
Truck Hire	17.80

38.20

## RIVER ROAD:

Labor	36.00
Truck Hire	15.00

51.00

## DUDLEY ROAD AND EAST MAIN ST.:

Labor	346.15
Truck Hire	187.46
Materials and Supplies	866.88

1,400.49

## WORCESTER STREET:

Labor	37.10
Truck Hire	15.80

52.90

## MECHANIC STREET:

Labor	23.20
Truck Hire	6.80

30.00

Chapter 90 Total

3,298.66

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Total Highways

78,762.18

## CHARITIES & VETERANS BENEFITS

### PUBLIC WELFARE:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00
Supervisor	500.00
Clerks	739.00

1,689.00

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Stationery, Supplies & Postage	36.95
Telephones	142.59
Mileage & Travel Allowance	322.30
Office Equipment & Maintenance	15.00
Miscellaneous	1.84

518.68

### GENERAL RELIEF:

Groceries and Provisions	4,814.98
Fuel and Lights	855.11
Medicine and Medical Care	2,605.91
Hospital Care	1,487.64
Rent	934.80
Clothing	486.02
Cash Grants	8,171.05
Board and Care (Local)	1,516.28
State Institutions	2,422.50
Private Institutions	921.00
Household Furniture & Moving	
Burials	290.00
Electric Outlet at Infirmary	12.95
Miscellaneous	

24,518.24

### RELIEF by OTHER CITIES & TOWNS:

Cities	1,005.65
Towns	1,120.59

2,126.24

### TRUCK EXPENSES:

Gas and Oil	242.12
Repairs & Maintenance	75.97
Registration	2.50

320.59

Total General Relief

29,172.75

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

### TOWN APPROPRIATION:

#### Salaries & Wages:

Supervisor	400.00
Clerk	40.00

440.00

### ADMINISTRATION: (SEE FEDERAL GRANT)

### RELIEF EXPENSES:

Cash Grants	16,720.90	
		17,160.90
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:		
FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Supervisor	200 00	
Clerks	286.00	
		486.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Travel Expenses	45.00	
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	34.22	
		79.22
RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants		4,220.91
Total Aid to Dependent Children		4,786 13
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
TOWN APPROPRIATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Board	750.00	
Supervisor	900.00	
Clerks	451.00	
		2,101.00
ADMINISTRATION-(SEE FEDERAL GRANTS) RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants	68,908.23	
Cities and Towns	414.63	
		69,322.86
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	1,000.00	
Clerk	573.00	
		1,573.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	179.78	
Travel Allowance		
Telephone		
		179.78
RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants	58,257.13	
Cities and Towns	529.02	
		58,786.15
		131,962.79
CHILD WELFARE SERVICE:		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	2,760.00	
975 Capital Outlay		
Clerks	1,440.00	
		4,200.00
OFFICE EXPENSES:		

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Stationery, Postage & Supplies	53.40
Telephone	79.97
Equipment and Maintenance	7.50

140.87

## FIELD EXPENSES:

Mileage and Travel	466.23
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4,807.10

## INFIRMARY:

Salaries and Wages:	
Suprintendent	1,900.00

## OTHER EXPENSES:

Groceries and Provisions	3,005.21
Clothing & Household Furnishings	365.31
Building & Maintenance	1,598.76
Fuel, Lights & Water	891.08
Hospital, Medical Care & supplies	434.76
Telephone & Miscellaneous	193.88

6,489.00

## Total Infirmary

8,389.00

## VETERANS BENEFITS:

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries & Wages:	
See Receipts for refund of \$21.63)	
Salary (Net Salary \$1125.00 see Receipts for refund of \$21.63)	1,146.63
Clerical Assistance	
Stationery, Postage, Printing and Supplies	26.43
Travel and Mileage	160.85

187.28

## RELIEF EXPENSES:

Fuel and Lights	172.15
Groceries & Provisions	576.85
Cash Grants and Rent	8,826.65
Clothing & Hospital Care	699.82
Medicine & Medical Attendance	1,480.82

11,747.29

## Total Veterans Benefits

13,081.20

## VETERANS SERVICES:

Salaries and Wages:	
Supervisor	2,122.32
Assistant Supervisor	418.18
Clerical Assistance	1,560.50

4,101.00

## OTHER EXPENSES:

Stationery, Supplies, Postage	257.60
Mileage and Travel	157.75
Telephone	190.60

## EQUIPMENT:

Hunter Electro Copyist	138.10
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744.05

4,845.05

# Total Charities & Veterans Benefits

214,204.92

## SCHOOL & LIBRARIES

### GENERAL CONTROL:

#### Salaries and Wages:

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150	Supintendent	6,687.03
156	Supintendent's Clerk	2,415.05
157	Extra Clerical	143.00
401	Attendance Officer	424.46
103	School Census	167.96

9,837.50

#### OTHER EXPENSES:

160	Supplies	217.93
180	Printing	79.10
181	Travel Expenses	89.38
181A	Auto Expenses	285.62
181B	Supervisor's & Conferences Trav.	13.75
182	Telephone	114.85
182A	Books, Periodicals & Postage	599.02
182B	Equipment & Maintenance	599.02

1,649.61

#### Total General Control

11,486.11

### HIGH SCHOOL:

#### Instruction Salaries:

220	Principal	5,025.66
225	Principal's Clerk	1,758.53
226	Extra Clerical	9.10
240	Teachers	60,939.24
245	Substitute Teachers	530.65

68,263.18

### INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

210	Supervision Travel	251.09
211	Research Activities	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage	152.23
250	Text & Reference Books	1,287.22
270	Supplies	3,072.70
283	Supplementary Books	83.96
290	Commencement Expenses	241.66
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equip.	371.03

5,459.89

### OPERATION OF PLANTS:

#### Salaries and Wages:

501	Janitors' Salaries	6,401.74
501	Extra Helpers	31.50

6,433.24

#### OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	707.40
520	Fuel	3,234.69
530	Water	339.70
540	Gas & Electricity	1,175.32
565	Telephone	137.54
580	Drayage	30.88

5,625.53

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## MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

601	Grounds	3.00
620	Buildings	211.51
640	Service Systems	588.24
680	Other Expenses	5.00

807.75

## CAPITAL OUTLAY:

930	Building Alterations & Additions (See SpecialAccounts-New Construction)	
965	New Furnishings	274.04
975	Instructional Apparatus	52.86
985	Other Expenses	114.09
985A	Draw Sash-Painting, etc.	

440.99

Total High School

87,030.58

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: INSTRUCTION SALARIES

Salaries & Wages:

210A	Writing Service	840.00
240	Teachers	115,832.96
245	Substitute Teachers	2,275.01
245A	Teachers' Courses	150.00
226	Extra Clerical	9.50

119,107.47

## INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

210	Supervision Travel	383.22
250	Text & Reference Books	1,341.64
270	Supplies	3,964.08
283	Supplementary Books	105.68
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equipment	476.02

6,270.64

## OPERATION OF PLANT:

Salaries and Wages

501	Janitors' Salaries	10,763.23
501A	Extra Helpers	

10,763.23

## OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	1,999.45
520	Fuel	5,191.53
530	Water	373.71
540	Gas & Electricity	2,093.24
565	Telephone	300.35
580	Drayage	115.00

10,073.28

## MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Expenses:

601	Grounds	22.05
620	Buildings	539.43
640	Service Systems	1,330.01
680	Other Expenses	102.92

		2,003.41	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
930	Building Alterations & Additions		
965	New Furnishings	39.80	
975	Instructional Apparatus	16.17	
985	Other Expenses	415.76	
985A	Draw Sash-Painting etc.		
		471.73	
Total Elementary Schools			148,689.76
<b>ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:</b>			
Salaries & Wages:			
220	Director's Salary	325.00	
240	Teachers' Salaries	1,163.99	
		1,488.99	
<b>INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:</b>			
210	Supervision Travel	8.70	
250	Text & Reference Books	12.51	
270	Supplies	54.67	
		75.88	
<b>OPERATION OF PLANT:</b>			
501	Janitors Salary		
520	Fuel	35.00	
540	Gas & Electricity		
		35.00	
Total Elementary Evening School			1,599.87
<b>DOMESTIC SCIENCE:</b>			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	Teachers Salaries		
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>			
270	Supplies		
660	Instructional Apparatus		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
250	Text & Reference Books		
Total Domestic Science			
<b>CONTINUATION SCHOOL:</b>			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Teachers' Salaries		251.08
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>			
250	Text & Reference Books		
270	Supplies	6.87	
		6.87	
Total Continuation School			257.95
<b>HOUSEHOLD ARTS:</b>			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Teachers' Salaries		5,660.66
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>			
210	Supervision Travel		
250	Text & Reference Books	22.50	
270	Supplies	399.22	
660	Instructional Apparatus	36.90	
975	Capital Outlay		

		<u>474.04</u>	
Total Auxiliary Agencies			17,787.61
VISUAL AIDS:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Teachers Salaries	170.00	
OTHER EXPENSES:			
270	Supplies	29.40	
660	Instructional Apparatus	84.34	
965	Furnishings		
975	New Equipment	<u>406.20</u>	
			519.94
Total Visual Aids			689.94
Military Retirement Fund			
COLE TRADE SCHOOL:			
General Control:			
Salaries and Wages:			
220	Director	5,248.46	
225	Director's Clerk	2,281.68	
226	Assistant Clerk	<u>1,943.97</u>	
			9,474.11
ATHER EXPENSES:			
210	Director's Travel	129.38	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage	1,019.86	
565	Telephone	204.12	
290	Commencement Expenses	<u>166.55</u>	
			1,519.91
INSTRUCTION SALARIES:			
250	Text & Reference Books	314.36	
270	Supplies	3,617.23	
660	Instructional Apparatus	<u>1,159.37</u>	
			1,519.91
OPERATION OF PLANT:			
Salaries & Wages:			
501	Janitors	3,827.09	
501A	Extra Helpers		

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		458.62	
Total Household Arts			6,119.28
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
Pupils:			
313	Transportation of pupils	12,392.79	
360	Tuition to Other Schools	463.91	
			12,856.70
MEDICAL SERVICES:			
Salaries & Wages:			
402	Physician	1,757.63	
404	Nurse	2,699.24	
			4,456.87
OTHER EXPENSES:			
OTHER EXPENSES:			
210	Travel for Nurse	142.40	
270	Supplies	261.67	
405	Telephone	69.97	

## OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	612.95
520	Fuel	1,912.37
530	Water	182.06
540	Gas & Electricity	1,046.02
580	Drayage	453.83

3,827.09

## MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

601	Grounds	67.26
620	Buildings	134.65
640	Service Systems	346.85
680	Other Expenses	

4,207.23

## CAPITAL OUTLAY:

930	Building Alteration & Additions	422.05
965	New Furnishings	627.55
975	Instructional Apparatus	624.53
985	Other Expenses	

548.76

1,674.13

Total Cole Trade School

76,352.87

## COLE TRADE SCHOOL EVENING EXTENSION:

## Instruction Salaries:

## Salaries and Wages:

220	Director's Salary	175.00
225	Clerk	97.86
226	Assistant Clerk	
240	Teachers	2,263.60

2,536.46

## INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

235	Principal's Office Supplies	
270	Supplies	243.49
250	Books	28.56
660	Instructional Apparatus	25.75

297.80

## OPERATION OF PLANT:

501 Janitor's Salaries

209.25

## OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	
520	Fuel	10.00
520	Gas & Electricity	

10.00

## CAPITAL OUTLAY:

975 Instructional Apparatus

35.25

Total Cole Trade School Evening Extension

3,088.76

## CONTINGENCY FUND:

## Salaries and Wages:

156	Superintendent's Clerk	89.00
501	Janitors	34.50

123.50

## OTHER EXPENSES:

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270	Emergency Lighting Supplies	319.76	
601	Drainage-West Street	635.77	
640	Toilets & Partitions		
	Materials & Supplies	2 62.41	
930	Petitions	67.45	
985	Capital Outlay	30.77	
250	Text & Reference Books	120.57	
270	Supplies	43.12	
520	Fuel	492.75	
640	Service Systems	366.38	
660	Instructional Apparatus	35.00	
965	New Furnishings	180.54	
313	Transportation	726.80	
			3,281.32
Total Contingency Fund			3,404.82
Total Schools from Town Appropriation			356,695.66
SMITH HUGHES FUND:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Continuation Classes	56.75	
240	Household Art Classes	201.67	
240	Vocational Classes	4,503.24	
240	Vocational Evening Classes	36.73	
			4,798.39
Total Smith Hughes Fund			4,798.39
GEORGE DEEN FUND:			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	Vocational Classes		518.54
240	Practical Arts		
Total George Deen Fund			518.54
GEORGE BARDEN FUND:			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	High		189.00
Total George Barden Fund			189.00
Total Schools Expenditures from Town Appropriations, Smith Hughes, George Deen and George Barden Funds			362,201.59
LIBRARY			
JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Code			
101	Librarian	2,433.32	
103	Assistants	4,473.89	
150-51	Janitors	1,975.00	
			8,882.21
BOOKS & PERIODICALS:			
201	Books	2,257.95	
202	Periodicals	375.76	
			2,633.71
BINDING:			

250	Books & Periodicals	112.48
FUEL and LIGHTS:		
301	Fuel	
302	Lights	
BUILDINGS:		
350	Repairs	6.79
501	Furniture & Furnishings	
304-06	All Other	16.62

23.41

OTHER EXPENSES:

350	Repairs	6.79
501	Furniture & Furnishings	
304-06	All Other	16.62

23.41

OTHER EXPENSES:

402-03	Stationery, Printing & Advertising	178.45
Total Libraries from Town Appropriations		11,830.26

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES FROM TRUST FUNDS:

MARY MYNOTT FUND (SEE AGENCY, TRUST and INVESTMENT)

OTHER TRUST FUNDS:

(See Library Trustees Report)

Total Schools and Libraries 374,031.85

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

RECREATION:

Parks

Labor	228.66
Supplies-New Rope	5.00
Loam & Seed	19.25

252.91

PLAYGROUNDS:

Instructors' Salaries	2,828.15
Travel Expenses	36.53
Equipment & Maintenance	7.00
Materials & Supplies	800.93
Soprts, Games, Sets, Etc.	464.93

4,137.54

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL:

Labor	194.49
Materials & Supplies	87.85
Trees and Spraying	78.50
Water and Lights	20.95
All Other	2.00

383.79

SWIMMING POOL OPERATION & MAINT. ACCT:

Instructors Salaries	1,635.05
Equipment and Maintenance	172.45
Grounds, Bldgs. & All Other	989.75
Materials and Supplies	162.36

2,959.61

2nd WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL:

Electric Lighting	49.22
Repairs	139.65
Wreaths & Landscaping	88.45

277.32

2nd WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL:

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Total Recreation		8,011.17
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Damage to Persons & Property	202.15	
Memorial Day Celebration	400.00	
Armistice Day Celebration	300.00	
PRINTING TOWN & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:		
Town Reports (2000)	1,033.70	
Finance Reports (2500)	416.50	
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		1,450.20
Pensions (Non Contributory)		6,361.45
INSURANCE:		
Buildings & Contents;		
Fire, Theft & Collision,		
Automotive Equipment Liability	3,131.74	
INDEMNITY INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation & Public		
Liability	2,578.37	
Boiler Explosion Liability	286.75	
Buildings	91.94	
Honor Roll	15.00	
Airport	48.88	
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		3,020.94
Town Clock		68.00
Town Manager or Repr. Form of Government		6.94
Water and Ice		422.20
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:		
(Capital Outlay Program)		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	255.50	
Clerk Hire	81.06	
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		336.56
PUBLIC WORKS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:		
Postae and Supplies		6.20
WINDSTORM DAMAGE:		
Town Hall		1,024.03
Purchase of Chairs No.2 Station		1.39.75
OUTSTANDING BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS:		
Town Clerk	16.65	
Protection of Persons & Property	50.85	
Soldiers Relief	6.50	
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		74.00
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Total Unclassified		24,722.22
Total Recreation and Unclassified		32,733.39
CEMETERY		
OAK RIDGE CEMETARY:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	293.75	
Labor	4,241.85	
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		4,535.60
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Loam, Fertilizer, etc.	293.75	
Flowers and Trees	73.86	

Signs		
Equipment, Maintenance & Tools	248.81	
Team Hire	180.00	
Equipment Rental	47.50	
Gasoline and Oil	38.91	
Materials, Supplies & All Other	47.91	
		856.04
CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:		
Labor	32.00	
Stanley Trimmer	59.50	
Whirlwind Power Motor	387.00	
Supplies-Materials	47.60	
		526.10
Total Cemetery		5.917.74
ELM ST. SIDEWALK:		
(Cohasse Brook Southrly)		
Fee	7.10	
Labor	1,404.77	
Materials Supplies	1,200.59	
Tree Removal	35.00	
		2,647.46
GREEN AVE. SIDEWALK:		
(East Side)		
Fees	4.85	
Labor	612.65	
Materials-Supplies	25.27	
Cement	542.83	
		1,185.60
NORTH ST. SIDEWALK:		
(North Side From Mechanic St.)		
Fees	1.50	
Labor	112.70	
Cement & Gravel	34.70	
		148.40
WARREN ST. SIDEWALK:		
(Cisco St. to Federal Ave.)		
Fees	5.85	
Labor	1,234.31	
Cement-Sand-Gravel	879.94	
Materials and Supplies	22.74	
		2,142.84
UNION ST. SIDEWALK:		
(South Side)		
Fees	1.50	
Labor	442.75	
Materials and Supplies	212.08	
		656.33
HILLSIDE ROAD SEWER:		
(Northerly to Woodland Ave.)		
Fees	19.35	
Contract (F. J. Shields, Inc.)	6,685.00	
		6,704.35

# EXPENDITURES 1947

## PROULX AVE. SEWER:

(From Main St. to Wall St.)	
Advertising & Recording Fees	22.20
Contract (Lucien Duff)	5,393.02

## WORCESTER ST. SEWER:

(Vinton St. to Charlton Line)	
Advertising & Recording Fees	26.90
Contract-Ciesla Bros.	22,009.70
Calcium Chloride	40.80

22,077.40

## TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE:

Contract F. X. Laliberte & Son, Inc.	895.00
Sbge. Roofing Company, Inc.	1,993.40

2,888.40

## DRESSER ST. ATHLETIC FIELD:

Grading & Drainage:	
Engineering Dept.	353.85
Contract-Atlas Construction Company	26,620.91

26,974.76

## CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD HOUSE:

Advertising for Bids	15.75
Architectural Service	300.00

315.75

## GRANDSTAND & BLEACHERS:

Advertising for Bids	14.00
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## FENCE, GATES, ETC.

Lock for Gates	12.25
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## FEDERAL & VETERANS HOUSING:

Labor	277.75
Gravel & Sand	939.26
Oil	463.17
Equipment Rental	71.00
Electriccal Light Pole Extension	333.58
Relocating Hydrants	233.97

2,318.73

## CLARK ST. ROAD:

(Cliff St. to Mathieu's)	
Labor	146.46
Materials & Supplies	360.70

517.16

## DRESSER ST. RESURFACING:

(Elm to Marcy St.)	
Labor	429.45
Gravel, Sod. Sand	24.75
Forms for Steps	37.00

491.20

## MAIN ST. PAVING:

(Oak Ridge Cemetery Gate to Chestnut St.)	
Advertising-for Bids	13.00
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	15,027.60

MAIN ST. PAVING:	15,040.60
(Hamilton St.-Quinebaug River Bridge)	
Advertising for Bids	14.00
Contract-F. J. Shields	5,443.50
EXTRAS:	
Larochelle Electric Company	183.20
Kennedy Electric Company	37.19

DENNISON ROAD RESURFACING:	5,677.89
(Lataille's Farm to Eastford Road)	
Labor	2,100.38
Gravel	451.70
Materials & Supplies	132.35
Truck Hire	970.13
Equipment Rental	1,989.36
Rebuilding Well	42.00

SOUTH ST. PAVING:	5,685.92
(From Main St. to Highland St.)	
Advertising for Bids	28.00
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	38,969.85

BRICKYARD ROAD BRIDGE & EASFORD ROAD:	38,997.85
(Chapter 90 Construction)	
Hill Construction Company Contract No. 10120	
Advertising for Bids	1.90
Clearing & Grubbing	10,944.19
Bounds	94.90

BRICKYARD BRIDGE:	11,040.99
F. J. Shields, Inc Contract No. 10121	
Advertising for Bids	1.90
Contract	7,116.20
Guard Post & Rails	47.56
Signs	6.86

EASTFORD ROAD:	7,172.52
F. J. Shields, Inc. Contract No. 10656	
Supervision	560.00
Labor	7,749.97
Truck Hire	121.00
Equipment Hire	7,531.50
Materials and Supplies	475.96
	16,438.43

MARCY ST. SCHOOL ALTERATIONS:	
Advertising for Bids	12.50
Plumbing Contract-G. C. Winter Company	1,795.00
Heating Contract G. C. Winter Company	4,850.00
H. U. Bail & Sons, Inc.	2,250.00
Electrical Contract Larochelle Electric Co.	1,666.00

EMERGENCY LIGHTING * SCHOOLS:	10,573.50
Contract-Carpenter Mfg. Co.	1,620.37

## EXPENDITURES 1947

Miscellaneous Supplies	18.22	
		1,638.59
WEST ST. SCHOOL DRAIN:- DRAINAGE		
Advertising for Bids	14.50	
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	1,384.95	
		1,399.45
TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS & SURVEY:		
Advertising for Bids	13.50	
CONTRACT:		
F. X. Laliberte & Sons-Weather Stripping		
Doors	52.80	
Konwles Electric Service-Wiring Exit		
Lights	172.86	
Daniels & Gregoire-Repairing Windows	48.00	
		287.16
TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE:		
Contract-F. X. Laliberte	895.00	
Sbg. Roofing Co.	1,993.40	
		2,888.40

## EXPENSES 1947

SWIMMING POOL BATH HOUSE:		
Advertising for Bids	12.50	
Contract-Albert J. Arsenault	8,684.20	
		8,696.70
CLARK ST. DRAIN:		
Advertising for Bids	13.50	
Contract-F. J. Shields	6,049.50	
Engineering Dept. Service	135.40	
		6,198.40
LENS ST. TO MECHANIC ST. DRAIN:		
Advertising for Bids	15.00	
Contract-F. J. Shields	2,643.50	
		2,658.50
MEADOWBROOK DRAIN:		
(To be complete in 1948)		
Advertising for Bids	15.00	
Contract-F. J. Shields	3,234.85	
		3,249.85
CENTRAL ST. BRIDGE REPAIRS:		
Advertising for Bids	14.00	
Contract-Trahan Bros. Masonry	700.00	
Bridge and Railing	306.25	
Extra	50.00	
		1,070.25
VETERANS GRAVES:		
Maintenance		100.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEPT:		
INTEREST:		
Temporary Loans:		

County Tax	30,300.79	
County T B Hospital Maint.	15,392.29	
		45,893.08
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County		1,984.80
Federal Withholding Tax	49,544.74	
Blue Cross	4,614.04	
		54,158.78
TRUST & INVESTMENT:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		1,000.00
Pensions & Retirement Fund		12,092.17
OTHER PERMANENT TRUSTS.		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	11.35	
Mary Mynott (Library)	30.98	
		42.33
INVESTMENT FUNDS:		
U. S. War Bonds		
Post War Rehabilitation Interest Invested		3,375.00
Total Agency, Trust & Investment		132,199.13
REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		
REFUNDS:		
Taxes-Poll & Real Estate	503.69	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	325.28	
State Teachers Retirement	66.78	
Tri-Community Chest	58.00	
EXPENDITURES		
1947		
School Bonds	12,000.00	
County T B Hospital District	5,300.00	
Airport	15,000.00	
Hamilton & Main Sts. Paving	9,600.00	
		41,900.00
Total Interest & Maturing Debt		441,900.00
AGENCY:		
State Tax	12,250.00	
State Auditing Tax	627.16	
State Parks & Reservations Tax	735.30	
State Examination-Retirement System	40.51	
		13,652.97
Anticipation of Revenue		1,116.00
GENERAL LOANS:		
School Bonds	2,000.00	
County T B Hospital Loan	601.59	
Airport	337.50	
Hamilton & Main Sts. Paving	316.00	
		3,255.09
Total Interest		4,371.09
MATURING DEPT:		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		400,000.00
General Loans:		

Blue Cross

32.20

785.95

Total Refunds & Transfers

785.95

Total Payments for 1947

1,736,222.45

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1947

225,407.66

1,961,630.11

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

December 31, 1947

Veterans Benefits

574.50

General Relief

45.00

Total Outstanding Bills

619.50

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER,  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT











JACOB EDWARDS LIBRARY  
Southbridge, Mass.







ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash in Banks and Office	\$225,407.66	Federal Taxes Withheld,	\$ 6,610.66
Accounts Receivable:		Trust Fund Income:	
Taxes:		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$ 81.27
Levy of 1917:	30,286.08	Ella M. Cole Fund—Needy School Children	295.33
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Alexis Boyer Jr., School Fund	11.29
Levy of 1917:	1,166.58	Mary Mynott Library Fund	44.83
Special Assessments:			382.72
Unapportioned Sewer	\$1,015.27	Vocational Education Grants:	
Unapportioned Sidewalk	965.01	George Barden Fund	243.00
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1917	192.34	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	953.00
Committed Interest Sidewalk			
Added to Taxes 1947	11.54	Machinery Rental Fund	1,675.93
Tax Titles	2,097.07	Tailings	206.84
Tax Possessions	1,410.08	Premium on Loans	94.85
		Overestimates 1947:	
		State Parks and Reservations	
		Assessment	271.67
		County Tax	3,390.23
Departmental:			3,661.90
Town Hall	25.00	Federal Grants:	
Selectmen—Cole Lot Timber	510.40	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Ambulance	1,207.50	Administration	256.41
Health	1,352.85	Aid	2,455.27
Highway	2,291.98	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,357.62	Administration	1,733.83
Veterans Benefits	5,523.32	Assistance	1,855.79
School	4,450.31		6,301.30
Cemetery	1,190.00		
	18,908.98	Appropriation Balances:	
Aid to Highways:		Engineering Expenses	157.50
State	16,011.60	Edwards Memorial Library Repairs	1,000.00
County	8,555.82	Cemetery Improvements	2,855.15
	24,567.42	Clark Street Drain	1,060.94
Underestimate 1947:		Town Hall Vault	179.52
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,086.75	Dresser Street Field	56,307.56
		Bills of 1946	57.64
Overdrawn Accounts:		Chapter 90—Construction	
Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance 1947	2,198.66	Brickyard Bridge and	
Highways—Chapter 90, Construction 1947	10,438.13	Eastford Road	1,379.07
	12,637.09	Veterans Housing Project	303.28
		Marcy Street Schoolhouse	
		Alterations	2,439.00
		River Street School Grading	500.00
		Worcester Street Sewer	20,922.00
		Dean, Benefit and Lens Street	
		Curbs	3,700.00
		Meadowbrook Road Drain	1,050.15
		Dennison Road Construction	4,314.08
		Town Hall Survey and Repairs	1,712.84
		Town Government Survey	593.06
		Child Welfare Service	361.06
		Sewer Assessment Reserve	4,195.19
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	27,651.34
		Overlay—Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1947	6,888.92
		Revenue—Reserved until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,166.58
		Special Assessment	1,584.16
		Tax Title and Tax Possession	3,507.15
		Departmental	18,908.98
		Aid to Highways	24,567.42
		Surplus Revenue	\$ 49,734.29
			112,055.98
	\$919,151.87		\$919,151.87

## DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments—Not Due	\$261.84	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:	
		Due in 1948	\$ 65.46
		1949	65.46
		1950	65.46
		1951	65.46
	<u>\$261.84</u>		<u>\$ 261.84</u>

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded on Fixed Debt	\$225,000.00	Street Pavement Loans	\$ 62,000.00
		Airport Construction Loan	30,000.00
		Sewer Loan	35,000.00
		Eastford Road and West Street	
		School Loan	54,000.00
		Northern District Elementary School	
		Loan	44,000.00
	<u>\$225,000.00</u>		<u>\$225,000.00</u>

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:			
Securities		In Custody of Treasurer	
In Custody of Treasurer	\$241,880.54	Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$ 1,375.45
In Custody of Trustees	4,868.92	Ella M. Cole Fund	3,000.00
		Alexis Boyer Jr., School Fund	413.31
		Mary Mynott Library Fund	1,000.00
		Cemetery General Care Funds	25,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	50,577.45
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	160,514.33
			\$241,880.54
		In Custody of Trustees:	
		Bradford Library Fund	4,868.92
	<u>\$246,749.46</u>		<u>\$246,749.46</u>

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Contributory Retirement Funds,		Retirement System Funds:	
Cash and Securities	\$77,797.66	Annuity Savings Fund	\$54,607.09
		Annuity Reserve Fund	4,590.69
		Pension Fund	16,087.12
		Special Fund—Military Service	1,117.15
		Expense Fund	261.11
		Undistributed Income	1,194.50
	<u>\$77,797.66</u>		<u>\$ 77,797.66</u>

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE  
FIXED DEBT RECORD

December 31, 1947  
(Including County T. B. Hospital District Loan of 1933)

Due In	County T. B. Hospital District—1933	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools 1935	Charlton St. School 1938	Airport 1945	Hamilton and Main Sts. Resurfacing 1946	Worcester St. Sewer Loan 1947	South St. Resurfacing 1947	Amount Due Annually
1938	\$5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	51,200.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	46,000.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00			7,000.00	6,000.00	23,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1955		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1956		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1957			4,000.00					4,000.00
1958			4,000.00					4,000.00
	5,300.00	54,000.00	44,000.00	32,000.00	2,000.00	35,000.00	30,000.00	230,300.00

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Title	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenses	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forw. to 1948	Overdrawn Accounts
<b>CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS:</b>									
General Relief—									
Salaries	1,713.00								
By O. A. A.—Salaries		57.69							
By A. D. C.—Salaries		40.00	1,810.69	1,786.69		1,786.69	24.00		
All Other	28,000.00								
By Refunds		85.25	28,085.25	27,483.75		27,483.75	601.50		
Aid to Dependent Children—									
Salaries	600.00		600.00	396.32					
To General Relief—Salaries					40.00				
To O. A. A. *Federal Grant					3.68	44.00	160.00		
All Other	20,000.00								
By Refunds		55.95	20,055.95	16,720.90					
To Infirmary Expense					700.00	17,420.90	2,635.05		
Old Age Assistance									
Salaries	2,450.00		2,450.00	2,043.31					
To General Relief—Salaries					57.69	2,101.00	349.00		
All Other	70,000.00								
By Refunds		198.95	70,198.95	69,322.86		69,322.86	876.09		
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS:</b>									
Aid to Dependent Children									
Administration—1946 Balance		534.40							
From Grants		287.23	821.63	565.22		565.22		256.41	
All Other—1946 Balance		1,439.56							
From Grants		5,236.62	6,676.18	4,220.91		4,220.91		2,455.27	
Old Age Assistance—									
Administration—1946 Balance		1,601.81							
From Grants		1,884.80							
From A. D. C. Salaries		3.68	3,490.29	1,756.46		1,756.46		1,733.83	
All Other—1946 Balance		3,730.37							
From Grants		56,477.58							
By Refunds		433.99	60,641.94	58,786.15		58,786.15		1,855.79	
Child Welfare Services	2,220.00								
1946 Balance		311.16							
From State and Towns		2,640.00	5,171.16	4,807.10		4,807.10		364.06	
Infirmary—									
Salaries	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00			
All Other	4,800.00								
From Reserve Fund		1,000.00							
From A. D. C. All Other		700.00	6,500.00	6,489.00		6,489.00	11.00		
Veterans Benefits—									
Salaries	1,125.00								
By Refund		21.63	1,146.63	1,146.63		1,146.63			
All Other	11,850.00								
From Soldiers Burial		400.00							
From World War 2 Allowance		350.00	12,000.00	11,931.57		11,934.57	65.43		
World War 2 Allowance	350.00		350.00						
) To Veterans Benefits—									
) All Other					350.00	350.00			
Soldiers Burial	400.00		400.00						
) To Veterans Benefits—									
) All Other					400.00	400.00			
Veterans Services—									
Salaries	4,101.00		4,101.00	4,101.00		4,101.00			
All Other	1,000.00		1,000.00	744.05		744.05	255.95		
Total Charities and Veterans Benefits	124,809.00	77,499.67	227,399.67	24,415.25	1,551.37	215,756.29	4,978.02	6,665.36	
<b>SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:</b>									
Schools									
Salaries	290,908.15		290,908.15	280,008.98		280,008.98	10,899.17		
Salaries—1946 Salary Adjustment									
Salaries—1946 Balance	12,861.43		12,861.43	12,480.83		12,480.83	380.60		
Military Retirement Fund	188.11		188.11	188.11		188.11			
Contingency Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,404.82		3,404.82	95.18		
All Others	57,985.00								
1946 Balance	2,793.12		60,628.12	60,625.42		60,625.42	2.70		
George Deen Fund									
1946 Balance		52.75							
From Grants		399.00							
By Smith Hughes		66.79							
By School Salaries		66.79	585.33	518.54					
To Smith Hughes Fund					66.79	585.33			
Smith Hughes Fund									
1946 Balance		22.14							
From Grants		4,843.04							
By George Deen		66.79	4,931.97	4,865.18					
To George Deen Fund					66.79	4,931.97			
George Barden Fund		432.00	432.00	189.00		189.00		243.00	
Libraries									
Salaries	9,350.00		9,350.00	8,882.21					
To Library—All Others					300.00	9,182.21	167.79		
All Other	2,650.00								
From Library—Salaries		300.00	2,950.00	2,948.05		2,948.05	1.95		
Alteration and Improvements	1,000.00		1,000.00						
Mary Mynott Fund									
1946 Balance		59.14							
From Income		20.00	79.14	30.98					
To Excess and Deficiency					3.13	34.91		44.83	
Total Schools and Library	381,085.81	6,328.44	387,414.25	374,142.12	430.91	374,579.03	11,547.39	1,287.83	
<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:</b>									
Parks	500.00		500.00	252.91		252.91	247.09		
Playgrounds	4,140.00		4,140.00	4,137.54		4,137.54	2.46		
World War Memorial	500.00		500.00	383.79		383.79	116.21		
2nd World War Honor Roll	350.00								
1946 Balance		60.83	416.83	277.32		277.32	139.51		
Damage to Persons and Property	500.00		500.00	202.15		202.15	297.85		
Swimming Pool	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,959.61		2,959.61	40.39		
Annual Reports	1,475.00		1,475.00	1,450.20		1,450.20	24.80		
Pensions—Non Contributory	5,919.00								
From Reserve Fund		442.45	6,361.45	6,361.45		6,361.45			
Insurance	13,110.00								
By Refunds		22.75							
From Reserve Fund		913.04	14,045.79	13,980.74		13,980.74	115.05		
Armistice Day	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Memorial Day	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Town Clock	500.00		500.00	68.00		68.00	432.00		
Water and Ice	500.00		500.00	422.20		422.20	77.80		
Public Improvement Committee	1,500.00		1,500.00	336.56		336.56	1,163.44		
Public Works Investigating Committee									
1946 Balance		200.00	200.00	6.20		6.20	193.80		
Purchase of Chairs No. 2 Station									
1946 Balance		267.50	267.50	139.75		139.75	127.75		
Town Hall Storm Damage									
From Insurance Loss Acct.		1,024.03	1,024.03	1,024.03		1,024.03			
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years	74.00								
From Reserve Fund		57.64	131.64	74.00		74.00		57.64	
Pension Accumulation and Military Service Funds									
From Reserve Fund	11,553.00	539.17	12,092.17	12,092.17		12,092.17			
Total Recreation and Unclassified	44,321.00	3,533.41	47,854.41	44,818.62		44,818.62	2,978.15	57.64	
<b>ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:</b>									
Cemetery	3,600.00								
From Income from Trust Funds		1,791.64	5,391.64	5,391.64		5,391.64			
Cemetery Improvement Account									
1946 Balance		381.25							
From Sale of Lots and Graves		3,000.00	3,381.25	526.10		526.10		2,855.15	
Total Enterprises and Cemeteries	3,600.00	5,172.89	8,772.89	5,917.74		5,917.74		2,855.15	



Title	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenses	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forw. to 1918	Overdrawn Accounts
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>									
Airport									
1946 Balance		148.70	148.70				148.70		
Dresser St. Resurfacing									
1946 Balance		491.85	491.85	491.20		491.20	.65		
Clark St. Road									
1946 Balance		1,578.10	1,578.10	517.16		517.16		1,060.94	
Brickyard Bridge—Eastford									
Road Construction									
1946 Balance		5,960.00							
From Highway Aid		13,632.58	19,592.58	18,213.51		18,213.51		1,379.07	
Hamilton St. Resurfacing									
1946 Balance		3,930.45	3,930.45						
To Main St. Resurfacing					3,930.45	3,930.45			
Main St. Resurfacing (From Oak Ridge Cemetery)									
1946 Balance		15,100.00	15,100.00	15,040.60		15,040.60	59.40		
Main St. Resurfacing—(From Hamilton St.)									
From Hamilton St. Resurfacing		3,930.45							
From Excess and Deficiency		2,069.55	6,000.00	5,677.89		5,677.89	322.11		
South St. Reconstruction	9,000.00								
From Loans Authorized		30,000.00	39,000.00	38,997.85		38,997.85	2.15		
Dennison Road Reconstruction									
From Excess and Deficiency		10,000.00	10,000.00	5,685.92		5,685.92		4,314.08	
Central St. Bridge									
From Reserve Fund		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,070.25		1,070.25	29.75		
Eastford Road Construction									
Contract No. 10656									
From Excess and Deficiency		6,000.00	6,000.00	16,438.43		16,438.43			10,438.43
Clark St. Drain									
1946 Balance		7,459.90	7,459.90	6,198.40		6,198.40	1,261.50		
Lens St. to Mechanic St. Drain	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,658.50		2,658.50	41.50		
Meadowbrook Road Drain	1,300.00		4,300.00	3,249.85		3,249.85		1,050.15	
Elm St. Sidewalk	1,100.00		1,100.00	2,647.46					
To Highways—All Other					500.00	3,147.46	952.54		
Green Ave. Sidewalk	2,200.00								
By Highways—All Other		393.78	2,593.78	1,579.38					
To Snow and Ice					1,000.00	2,579.38	14.40		
North St. Sidewalk	150.00		150.00	148.40		148.40	1.60		
Union St. Sidewalk	800.00		800.00	467.63					
To Highways—All Other					188.70	656.33	143.67		
Warren St. Sidewalk	2,300.00								
By Highways—All Other		496.15	2,796.15	2,638.99		2,638.99	157.16		
Hillside Road Sewer	6,700.00								
By Refund		4.35	6,704.35	6,704.35		6,704.35			
Proulx Ave. Sewer	4,644.85								
From Sewer—Assessment									
Reserve		855.15	5,500.00	5,115.22		5,415.22	84.78		
Worcester St. Sewer	8,000.00								
From Loans Authorized		35,000.00	43,000.00	22,077.40		22,077.40		20,922.60	
Dean, Benefit, Lens, Crystal Streets Curb Installation	3,700.00		3,700.00					3,700.00	
Town Hall Vault									
1946 Balance		179.52	179.52					179.52	
Town Hall Fire Escape									
1946 Balance		2,890.00	2,890.00	2,888.40		2,888.40	1.60		
Town Hall Alteration and Survey									
From Excess and Deficiency		2,000.00	2,000.00	287.16		287.16		1,712.84	
Town Manager or Representative Form of Government	200.00		200.00	6.94		6.94		193.06	
Dresser St. Field									
1946 Balance		83,624.32	83,624.32	27,316.76		27,316.76		56,307.56	
Swimming Pool Bath House									
1946 Balance		7,139.93							
From Excess and Deficiency		1,700.00	8,839.93	8,696.70		8,696.70	143.23		
Veterans Housing Project									
1946 Balance		1,222.01							
From Reserve Fund		1,400.00	2,622.01	2,318.73		2,318.73		303.28	
Marcy St. School Alterations									
From Excess and Deficiency		13,000.00	13,000.00	10,561.00		10,561.00		2,439.00	
Emergency Lighting—Schools									
From Excess and Deficiency		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,638.59		1,638.59	61.41		
River St. School Regrading									
From Excess and Deficiency		500.00	500.00					500.00	
West St. School Drain & Driveway	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,399.15		1,399.15	.85		
Veterans Graves—									
Maintenance	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00			
Total Special Appropriations	50,294.85	253,506.79	303,801.64	211,132.12	5,619.15	216,751.27	3,426.70	94,062.10	10,438.43
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBTS</b>									
Interest									
Temporary Loans	1,000.00								
From Reserve Fund		400.00	1,400.00	1,116.00		1,116.00	284.00		
Fixed Debt	2,654.00		2,654.00	2,653.50		2,653.50	.50		
County T B Hospital	601.59		601.59	601.59		601.59			
Maturing Debt									
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue									
1946 Balance		100,000.00							
Loan Revenue		300,000.00	100,000.00	400,000.00		400,000.00			
General Loans	36,600.00		36,600.00	36,600.00		36,600.00			
County T B Hospital	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00			
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	49,155.59	400,400.00	140,555.59	413,271.09		446,271.09	284.50		
<b>AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENTS</b>									
State Tax	12,250.00		12,250.00	12,250.00		12,250.00			
State Auditing Tax	627.16		627.16	627.16		627.16			
State Parks and Reservation Tax	1,984.59		1,984.59	1,112.92		1,112.92		271.67	
State Exam. of Retirement Systems	40.51		40.51	40.51		40.51			
County Tax	31,519.30		31,519.30	31,129.07		31,129.07		3,390.23	
County T B Hospital									
Maintenance Tax	14,305.54		14,305.54	15,392.29		15,392.29			1,086.75
Dog Tax Fees—Paid to County		1,984.80	1,984.80	1,984.80		1,984.80			
Federal Withholding Tax									
1946 Balance		3,410.85							
From Employees		52,744.55	56,155.40	49,544.74		49,544.74		6,610.00	
Blue Cross Deductions									
1946 Balance		748.00							
From Employees' Wages		3,890.74	4,638.74	4,638.74		4,638.74			
Tri-Community Chest		58.00	58.00	58.00		58.00			
Insurance Loss—Re-imbursement Account									
From Insurance Companies		1,024.03	1,024.03						
To Town Hall Storm Damage					1,024.03	1,024.03			
J. J. Angell Funds									
1946 Balance		31.27	31.27					31.27	
A. Boyer, Jr. Funds									
1946 Balance		11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund									
1946 Balance		249.18							
Investment Income		57.50	306.68	11.35		11.35		295.33	
Mary Mynott Fund									
1946 Balance		59.14							
Investment Income		26.00	79.14	30.98					
To Excess and Deficiency									
U. S. War Bonds					3.33	34.31		44.84	
(Post War Rehabilitation Act)									
Investment Income		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Receipts		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00			
Total Agency, Trust and Investment	69,127.10	68,664.35	131,791.45	121,195.56	1,027.36	122,222.92		10,655.28	1,086.75
<b>GENERAL RECAPITULATION:</b>									
General Government	59,313.00	782.72	60,095.72	57,558.51	150.00	57,708.51	1,614.56	772.65	
Protection of Persons and Property	159,827.93	4,240.47	164,068.40	160,375.70	6.17	160,381.87	3,686.53		
Health and Sanitation	21,025.00	500.00	24,525.00	22,629.04		22,629.04	1,895.96		
Highways	71,599.04	8,513.94	80,112.98	78,061.05	1,888.18	81,749.13	562.51		2,198.66
Charities and Veterans Benefits	124,809.00	77,490.67	227,399.67	24,415.25	1,551.37	215,756.29	4,978.02	6,665.36	
Schools and Libraries	381,085.81	6,328.44	387,414.25	374,142.12	436.91	374,579.03	11,547.39	1,287.83	
Recreation and Unclassified	44,321.00	3,533.41	47,854.41	44,818.62		44,818.62	2,978.15	57.64	
Enterprise and Cemetery	3,600.00	5,172.89	8,772.89	5,917.74		5,917.74		2,855.15	
Special Appropriations	50,294.85	253,506.79	303,801.64	211,132.12	5,619.15	216,751.27	3,426.70	94,062.10	10,438.43
Interest and Maturing Debt	49,155.59	400,400.00	446,555.59	413,271.09		446,271.09	284.50		
Agency, Trust and Investment	69,127.10	68,664.35	131,791.45	121,195.56	1,027.36	122,222.92		10,655.28	1,086.75
Overlays for Current Year	15,313.91								
	1,043,472.23	829,133.68	1,882,392.00	1,513,516.80	10,679.14	1,748,785.51	30,974.32	116,356.01	13,723.84

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER  
Town Accountant



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
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# Town Officers For 1948

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## ELECTED OFFICERS

TREASURER—Norbert C. Benoit 1949

TOWN CLERK—Clare P. Boyer 1950

## SELECTMEN

Rosario Arpin

Norman Leblanc

Emery Lavallee

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Marie Lariviere 1949

Ovide Desrosier 1950

Hermas Lippe 1951

Herbert Michon—Agent

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Ovide Desrosier, Chairman

Hermas Lippe

Marie Lariviere

Herbert Michon—Agent

## ASSESSORS

Joseph Lafleche 1949

Charles Normandin 1950

Raymond Benoit 1951

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Ernest Tetrault 1949

Dr. Raymond F. Haling, M.D. 1950

Robert W. DeJourdy D.S.C. 1951

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Lionel Duval, Chairman 1949

Arthur Bachand 1950

Anthony Ciesla 1951

## WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Rosaria Arpin 1949

Ovila Donais 1949

Arthur Cabana 1950

Lectance Landry 1950

Silvia Ferron 1951

Camille Hebert 1951

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Hector M. LeClair, Sr.	1949	Ernest Boyer	1949
Paul Benoit	1950	Wm. J. Brunelle	1950
Rosaire Lefleche	1951	Armand DeAngelis	1951

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Bernard Guertin	1949	George Dumas	1950
	Benj. F. Tully	1951	

## CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau	1949	Raoul Meunier	1949
	Bernard Richard	1949	

## TAX COLLECTOR

Mederic Duhamel 1951

## PLANNING BOARD

Mitchell Kurposka	1949	Edward Seremet	1950
George Duquette	1951	Bernardo Raimondo	1952
	Raoul Gaulin	1953	

## SEWER COMMITTEE

J. George Page	1949	Alfred Goudreau	1950
	Raymond Bachand	1951	

## PARK COMMISSIONERS

Roland Langevin	1949	Wilfred P. Gauthier	1950
	Arthur W. Leduc	1951	

## MODERATOR

Valmore P. Tetrault 1949

## TREE WARDEN

Wilbur Wilson 1949

## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Ernest J. Lavallee	1949	Leon Bouthillier	1950
	Ignac Zacycki	1951	

## SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Omer L. Perron 1949	Arthur Cabana 1950
Francois C. Sansaucy 1951	Emile J. Martin 1951
John J. Hogan (appointed by the state) 1949	

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

ASSISTANT CLERK, SELECTMEN—Julian C. Gabree 1949

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—Joseph E. Desrosier 1951

TOWN COUNSEL—John J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr. 1949

TOWN ENGINEER—Henry A. Racicot 1949

## VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Paul Benoit, Director 1949    Constance Plouffe, Clerk 1949

VETERANS BENEFIT AGENT—Paul Benoit 1949

## RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE, (Old)

Hector LeClair, Jr.	Joseph Piasta
Anthony Deterando	Alton K. Marsters
Rev. Walter Craft	Emile Martin
Norman Leblanc	Alphonse Renna
Albert Simonds	Roland Langevin
John E. Farland	Leopold Poirier
Lorenzo Beaupre	Wilfred Gauthier

## RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE (New)

Frank Skinyon 1949	Thomas Carey 1950
James Robertson 1949	Emile Martin 1950
John Libera 1949	John E. Merrill 1950
Armand Cieri 1949	Lorenzo Beaupre 1950
Charles Cournoyer 1949	Stuart Casavant 1950

## AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

Edmund Ryan	1949	Albert DiGregorio	1951
Philip Gauthier	1950	Dwight K. Bartlett	1951
Emile Arsenault		1952	

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—Wm. L. Bourgeois

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK—John P. Caves

POUND KEEPER—Frederick L. Dowling

KEEPERS OF LOCK-UP—Ulric Brault, Ernest Cadarette

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL—Oliver Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR—PLUMBING INSPECTOR—

MILK INSPECTOR—Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR—Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR—Clarence Bachand

SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES—G. R. Lariviere

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES—FOR THE TOWN

Dr. Nerio Pioppi	1949	Wardell M. Edwards	1950
Edward P. Sheehan		1951	

## FOR THE FUND

Gertrude W. Smith	John O. Martin
Arthur Kay	W. Wesley Crawford

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Armand Fortin	1949	John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr.	1950
Seaver M. Rice	1951	Clare Boyer	

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT—Wilbur Wilson

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief	George W. Laughnane Dep. Chief
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SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM—James C. Sangren

FIRE WARDEN—Oswald Meunier

DEPUTY WARDENS

Daniel Daniels	Harry Michaels
Joseph Mandville	Albert Servant
Emile Caouette	Rosario Belerose
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin

FENCE VIEWERS

Anthony Proulx	Louis Bachand
Felix Madura	Euclid Gatineau

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Bernard Beauregard	Armand DeAngelis
Raymond Benoit	George W. Watson
Edmund Ryan	Ronaldo Guertin
Doris Loiselle	

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes	Clifford McKinstry
John J. Hogan	Royce Fitzpatrick

FIELD DRIVERS

Albert Lamarine	George Fitts
James Laughnane	

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Wm. J. Congdon	Arthur Eno
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PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raymond McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick
Wardell M. Edwards	Eleanor Drake
Jacob Edwards	Beatrice Homicz
Ralph McKinstry	Harry Michaels
Herman Staves	Thomas Hughes
Loretta Fitzpatrick	William Cox

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER—Raoul Lataille

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Omer Perron 1949	Leo Dandurand 1950
Albert Simonds 1949	Aloysius Koprowski 1950
Myron B. Clemence 1949	Edgar Lewis 1951
Christopher Thomas 1949	Peter Graf 1951
Dr. Arthur Tieri 1949	Oswald Laliberte 1951
Allen Richmond 1950	Sylvester Barbieri 1951
Vincent Walsh 1950	Albert Dufault 1951
George Metras 1950	

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Peter Graf	3 years
Alfred Beaulieu	2 years
Francis Bishop	1 year

## COM. TO STUDY CHANGE TOWN GOVERNMENT

Dr. Arthur Tieri	Mitchell Kurposka
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## COM. TO REVISE TOWN BY-LAWS

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr.	Louis Gagnon
Alfred Beaulieu	George Leduc
George Favre	Edgar Lewis

## INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM—G. Rudolph Lariviere

## DOG OFFICER—Albert Lamarine

## SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Henry Racicot	Dr. Raymond Haling
Leopold Lemmelin	Armand DeAngelis

## CARE OF VETERANS GRAVES

Clarence Desaulnier	Wm. J. Congdon
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## RETIREMENT BOARD

Joseph Desrosier	J. Alfred Dumas
Norbert C. Benoit	

## Jury List

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Name and Address	Occupation
Allard, Roland J., 9 Federal Ave.	Bus Driver
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut Street	At home
Augusto, Armando, 34 Fairmont Ave.	Lens Grinder
Ayotte, Raymond J., 75 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Bachand, Louis J., 201 Everett Street	Roofer
Bachand, Arthur N., 39 School Street	Machine Operator
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams Street	Carpenter
Beauregard, Alexander, 401 Main Street	Clerk
Bednarczak, John F., 243 Everett Street	Tool Maker
Belanger, Jos. A., 530 Worcester Street	Retired
Bellerive, Armand J., 223 Everett Street	Polisher
Bellows, Hiram B., 96 Morris Street	Retired
Benson, Athur J., 29 Sayles Street	Truer
Bertrand, Urban G., 370 Hamilton Street	Salesman
Bermingham, Michael J., 10 Eastford Street	Cutlery Worker
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester Street	Machinist
Blanchette, Omer, 40 Cross Street	Truck Driver
Boiteau, Anthony, 71 Sayles Street	Optical Worker
Boiteau, Ovila, 201 Everett Street	Optical Worker
Boucher, Raymond, 127 Everett Street	Optical Worker
Buckley, John T., 28 Harding Street	Optical Worker
Brodeur, Antonio, 114 Pine Street	Clerk
Blair, Elmer S., 281 Woodstock Rd.	Clerk
Blais, Napoleon , 402 Worcester Street	Moulder
Beaudry, Eugene W., 38 Henry Street	Janitor
Cabana, Arthur, 10 Oaks Ave.	Optical Worker
Carrier, Raymond C., 22 Edwards Street	Shipping Clerk
Caran, Phillias, 109 High Street	
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River Street	Machinist
Carpenter, Noe, 246 Mechanic Street	Machinist
Carpentier, Wm., 228 Hamilton Street	Retired
Cartier, Jos. Jr., 17 Pleasant Street	Assembler
Chamberland, Theodore, 99 Cross Street	Machine Worker
Chamberlain, Leopold, 43 Lebanon Hill Rd	Assembler

## JURY LIST (Continued)

Name and Address	Occupation
Chapdelaine, Gedeon, 191 Worcester Street	Grinder
Ciesla, Anthony, 292 Pleasant Street	Contractor
Chapdelaine, Dorila, 186 Everett Street	Retired
Clemence, George H., Clemence Hill	Retired
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South Street	Merchant
Collette, Viateur, 117 Cross Street	Moulder
Costa, Sotir V., 9 Curtis Street	Merchant
Cournoyer, Norman H., 59 Fiske Street	Farm Hand
Cottu, Wilfred, 39 Cross Street	Retired
Dumas, Francis D., 988 Main Street	At Home
DeAngelis, Phillip, 80 Sayles Street	Draftsman
Desaulniers, Leo J., Lebanon Hill Rd.	Machinist
Daigle, Alexander, 69 Highland Street	Foreman
Dufault, Jos., 156 Mechanic Street	Laborer
Dulmaine, Walter, 88 Pine Street	Retired
Dupaul, Leon A., 250 Marcy Street	Foreman
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester Street	Cutlery Worker
Duphinais, Adelard, 199 Charlton Street	Polisher
Donais, Armand, 444 Worcester Street	Solderer
Duquette, George, Elm Street	Grinder
Dumas, Alfred J. Jr., 986 Main Street	
Eno, Arthur J., 76 Pine Street	Electrician
Fafard, Wilfred, 11 Columbia	Back Tender
Farland, Norman, 49 Coombs Street	Optical Worker
Flood, Henry F., 300 Hamilton Street	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Alpha, Amidown District	Truer
Fontaine, Lucien, 97 Worcester Street	Machinist
Gagne, Alfred, 152 Worcester Street	Asst. Foreman
Gaumond, Harvey, 144 Everett Street	Chauffer
Gaumond, Armand, 711 Main Street	Truckman
Gaumond, Eugel, 16 Gardner Street	Retired
Gendron, Albert, 42 Thomas Street	Feeder
Gendron, Raymond, 178 Mechanic Street	Clerk
Gendreau, Jos. U., 119 Pleasant Street	Press Operator
Generaux, Louis W., 206 Main Street	Steam Fitter
Graf, Peter, 38 Golf Street	Foreman

## JURY LIST (Continued)

Name and Address	Occupation
Grenier, William, 53 Pleasant Street	Factory Worker
Guignard, Jos. A., 36 Winter Street	Electrician
Gravel, Charles E., 158 Charlton Street	Optical Worker
Hacket, Howard, 61 School Street	Engineer
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs Street	Machine Operator
Hebert, Jos. A., 3 Moon Street	Truck Driver
Hetu, Louis, 48 Dresser Street	Janitor
Holton, Frank B., Elm Street	Retired
Julien, Jos. E., 733 Newell Ave.	Mail Carrier
Leduc, Arthur W., 117 Worcester Street	Truer
Lange, Eugene F., 6 Lens Street	Ins. Agent
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West Street	Textile Worker
Lapointe, Lionel, 398 Worcester Street	Shipper
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Court	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main Street	Foreman
LaJeunesse, Edward, 21 Wall Street	Millhand
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River Street	Unemployed
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut Street	Moulder
Landry, Lectance, 34 Lens Street	Painter
Landry, Victor, 800 Worcester Street	Press Worker
Lataille, Frank, 284 Mechanic Street	Optical Worker
Lataille, Jos. C., 39 Henry Street	Retired
Lavallee, Nap. A., 46 School Street	Clerk
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystalle Street	Shear Tender
Leblanc, Leon D., 364 Hamilton Street	Fixer
Leboeuf, Roland, 27 Chestnut Street	Clerk
Libera, Jos., 9 Ballard Court	Optical Worker
Loranger, Edward, 127 Pleasant Street	Machinist
Loranger, Nap. J., 18 Pine Street	Retired
Langlois, George, 26 School Street	Opt. Worker
Lemoine, James, 33 Henry Street	Press Worker
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards Street	Auto Dealer
Lenti, Frank, 313 Worcester Street	Auto Dealer
Lynch, Charles, 25 School Street	Inspector
Lucier, Leo, 31 Randolph Street	Finisher
Malony, Phillip, 87 Edwards Street	Bridge Maker

## JURY LIST (Continued)

Name and Address	Occupation
Marand, Napoleon, 276 Mechanic Street	Polisher
Mathieu, Issac, 50 Coombs Street	Salesman
Matte, Osa, 77 Moon Street	Dryer
Mitchell, Irving, 47 Oliver Street	Clerk
Monette, Moise, 50 Coombs Street	Clerk
Moriarity, Timothy J., 150 Pleasant Street	Finisher
McDonald, Laurant, 23 Wardell Ct.	Grinder
Nicholds, Thomas, 29 Fiske Street	Press Worker
Normandin, Jos., 14 Dresser Street	Truer
O'Shaughnessy, John, Sr., 164 Hamilton Street	Retired
Paquette, Walter, Brickyard Rd.	Janitor
Paquin, Wm., 32 Worcester Street	Inspector
Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine Street	Warper
Paulhus, Theodore, 172 Mechanic Street	Clerical
Parent, Jos. C., 348 Hamilton Street	Retired
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester Street	Polisher
Peloquin, Felix, 27 Coombs Street	Wire Stretcher
Peloquin, Phillip, 216 Everett Street	Painter
Peloquin, Narcisse, 62 Green Ave.	Repairman
Perron, Homer L., 215 Marcy Street	Merchant
Picard, Alfred, 402 Main Street	Optical Worker
Pinsonault, Richard, 35 South Street	Inspector
Plouffe, George P., 135 Marcy Street	Repairer
Pratt, Walter, 873 Woodstock Rd.	Farmer
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Wall Street	Carpenter
Prould, Jos. D., 46 South Street	Cook
Parent, Amio, 9 Hillcrest Ave.	Electrician
Passaj, Alphonse, 36 Pleasant Street	Waiter
Pellitier, Norman R., 2 Cross Street	Opt. Worker
Power, Christopher, Meadow Brook Rd.	Foreman
Powers, Jos., 134 Chapin Street	Retired
Ravenelle, Raoul J., 65 River Street	Clerk
Richard, George, 142 Charlton Street	Grinder
Roberts, Gerald G., 23 Oaks Ave.	Superintendent
Shea, Wm. J., 1 Hill Ave.	Bar Tender
St. Germain, Jos., 120 Sayles Street	Laborer

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**JURY LIST (Continued)**

Name and Address	Occupation
St. Martin, George, 28 Coombs Street	Opt. Worker
St. Piere, Rudolph, 10 Rose Street	Machinist
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm Street	Foreman
Staves, Arthur, 37 Franklin Terrace	Clerk
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Sturbridge Rd.	Machine Operator
St. George, Regeult, 38 Foster Street	Machinist
Sullivan, John B., 40 South Street	Draftsman
Sansaucy, Adelard, 31 Hamilton Street	Hand Grinder
Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark Street	Carpenter
Tetrault, Eugene, 53 Fiske Street	Clerk
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens Street	Edger
Trudeau, Blaise, 35 Central Street	Retired
Trembley, Albert G., 305 Main Street	Opt. Worker
Varin, Raymond, 110 Mechanic Street	Foreman
Walsh, John S., 113 West Street	Plastic Worker
Welsh, Jos. E., 4 Windsor Court	Opt. Worker
Zisk, Joseph, 41 Water Street	Shipper

## Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The following is a brief report of the activities of the Board of Selectmen for the past year.

Regular meetings of the Board were held every Monday night for the purpose of handling the ordinary volume of business coming under our jurisdiction. Many of our duties are routine in nature and would be of little interest in a report.

The Board requested from the Department of Public Works the following allotments for Chapter 90 Road Construction Work for 1949.

	Town	County	State	Total
Mechanic Street	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$24,000
Eastford Road	5,000	5,000	10,000	20,000
Dresser Hill Road	2,000	2,000	4,000	8,000
Pleasant Street	2,000	2,000	4,000	8,000
Old Dudley Road	2,000	2,000	4,000	8,000
Totals	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$34,000	\$68,000
Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500

When these roads are completed they will be much safer for travel and will constitute a big improvement in our public ways at a greatly reduced cost to the Town.

After much consideration the Board decided that the replacement of Arc Lights on Main Street was a necessity due to the nonavailability of maintenance parts, and that 60% of the light was being sent upwards and had no value of lighting streets and sidewalks. Main Street is heavily traveled on nights when the stores are open. On some of these nights, Pedestrian Traffic will reach 2,000 per hour on Main Street to Hamilton Street. Vehicular Traffic at these locations will peak 1,000 per hour. American Optical Company traffic, while of short duration, is very heavy.

Main Street is wide from the Post Office to Hamilton Street further complicating the design. All of these elements were considered when the new lights were installed.

Our Main Street is now well lighted and this type of lighting will be installed on other principal business streets as soon as it is possible to do so without an extra burden being imposed on the Taxpayers as a result of more appropriations.

Land on Goddard Court and Cisco Streets has been taken by the Town as a common convenience and necessity to be altered and widened as a safety measure.

The Board appointed a By-Laws Revision Committee to study conditions of our present By-Laws so that changes could be made to insure easier enforcement of same. The By-Laws now in effect were approved by the Attorney General May 29, 1929 and are now more or less obsolete.

The income of the Board for 1948 was \$16,927.00 and was received from the following items:

Liquor License Fees, 1948:		Totals
4 Seasonal, all-alcoholic	\$150.00	\$600.00
5 Club, all-alcoholic	300.00	1,500.00
3 Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
3 Inn holder all alcoholic	600.00	1,800.00
2 Inn holder Wine and Malt	200.00	400.00
11 Restaurant all-alcoholic	500.00	5,500.00
10 Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,000.00
4 Package Stores all-alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6 Package Stores Wine and Malt	100.00	600.00
5 Drug Stores	50.00	250.00
21 One Day Wine and Malt	1.00	21.00
3 Special Wine and Malt	28.50	76.50
2 Special Wine and Malt	8.50	17.00
Miscellaneous Licenses		
62 Common Victuallers	\$3.00	\$186.00
11 Class I Auto Dealer	3.00	33.00
10 Class II Auto Dealer	3.00	30.00
2 Class III Auto Dealer	3.00	6.00

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38 Taxi Owner	1.00	38.00
99 Taxi Driver	1.00	99.00
46 Sunday Stores	3.00	138.00
8 Lodging House	1.00	8.00
15 Storage Tank	.50	7.50
4 Firearm	3.00	12.00
3 Parking Lot	2.00	6.00
86 Sign Permits	1.00	86.00
3 Dry Cleaner	1.00	3.00
Lock-up Rental		\$50.00
Court House Rental		1,200.00
Town Hall Rental		760.00
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		\$16,927.00

The expenses of operating our Department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Departments, Committees, and others who have co-operated with us during the year to promote good government.

ROSARIO ARPIN, Chairman  
 EMERY LAVALLEE, Clerk  
 NORMAN Le BLANC

Board of Selectmen

## Report of Town Clerk

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To the citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Total Number of Births Registered	577
Total Number of Deaths Registered	197
Total Number of Marriages Recorded	295
Marriage Intentions Recorded	267
Marriage Cretificates Issued	264

### MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's	2
Bowling and Pool	7
Garage	94
Gasoline	40
Junk	11
Hawkers' and Peddlers'	12

	166
1 Duplicate	1

Total licenses issued	167
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Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$353.50
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### DOG LICENSES ISSUED

#### Number of Licenses:

Males	647
Females	92
Spayed Females	205
Kennel	3

Total Licenses issued	944
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Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$2,019.60
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## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	951
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	346
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	469
Resident Citizens' Women's & Minors' Fish Licenses	355
Resident Citizens' Trapping License (Minor)	1
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	13
Non-Resident Citizens'—Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Lic.	15
Non-Resident Minor Fishing License	0
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	6
Non Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Duplicate licenses	12
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses	64
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses	18
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance Fishing Licenses	20
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Total Licenses issued	2,272
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$4,170.50

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN  
DURING 1948

Adelard Daughnais of 199 Charlton St.  
 Ovilla Trahan of 16 Clarke St.  
 Armand Hebert of 55 Coombs St.  
 William Grenier of 53 Pleasant St.  
 Louis W. Genereux of 206 Main St.  
 Joseph Cartier, Jr. of 17 Pleasant St.  
 Roland A. J. Allard of 9 Federal Ave.  
 Armand Gaumond of 711 Main St.  
 Moise G. Monnette of 50 Coombs St.  
 Aldori Cournoyer of 81 Pleasant St.  
 Leo Lucier of 31 Randolph St.  
 Gedeon Chapdelaine of 191 Worcester St.  
 Dominic Santo of 462 Elm St.  
 Arthur Staves of 37 Franklin Ter.  
 Joseph Dufault of 156 Mechanic St.  
 Urban G. Bertrand of 370 Hamilton St.  
 Napoleon Blais of 402 Worcester St.

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**JURORS DRAWN (Continued)**

Aime Parent of 9 Hillcrest Ave.  
Peter Graf of 38 Golf St.  
Howard Hackett of 61 School St.  
Raymond J. Ayotte of 75 Pleasant St.  
Lionel Lapointe of 398 Worcester St.  
Alexis Laporte of 119 West St.  
Albert Gendron of 42 Thomas St.  
Anthony Boiteau of 71 Sayles St.  
Theodore Chamberland of 99 Cross St.  
Leo Normandin of 14 Dresser St.  
Charles Lynch of 25 School St.

**MEETINGS HELD DURING 1948**

Annual Election of Town Officers	March 1st, 1948
Annual Business Meeting	March 8th, 1948
Presidential Primary	April 27th, 1948
State Primary	September 14th, 1948
Special Town Meeting	October 26th, 1948
National Election	November 2nd, 1948
Special Town Meeting	December 14th, 1948

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE BOYER,  
Town Clerk

# Report of Town Treasurer

For Year Ending December 31, 1948

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1948	225,407.66
Receipts for 1948	1,681,266.44
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	\$1,906,674.10
1948 Disbursements	1,612,676.75
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Balance, Cash on Hand, December 31, 1948	\$293,997.35

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1949	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31
\$6,000.00	Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$48,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	40,000.00
15,000.00	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	15,000.00
8,000.00	Hamilton St. & Main St. Paving Loan	1946	41,600.00	24,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	24,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	28,000.00
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\$46,000.00		Total		\$179,000.00

## TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00—Anticipation of Revenue—Due May 2, 1949  
 2,500.000—Chapter 90 Loan—Due Feb. 25, 1949

## POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	150,000.00
Interest received through Dec. 31, 1948	14,092.09
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Total Fund	\$164,092.09

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT,  
Town Treasurer

## TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1940	Int. 1948	Balance Dec, 31, 1948
MARY MYNOTT FUND			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
BOYER FUND			
Southbridge Savings Bank	409.22	8.22	417.44
JESSE J. ANGELL FUND			
Southbridge Savings Bank	1,361.84	27.36	1,389.20
ELLA M. COLE FUND			
Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	15.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	22.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5 Cents Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
HANNAH EDWARDS FUND			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	80.00	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT,  
Treasurer

## CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance	Int.
	Dec. 31, 1948	1948
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$3,000.00	67.50
Charlestown 5 Cents Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	43.31
Milbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	32.70
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	68.75
Southbridge Savings Bank	7,609.25	124.35
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
Winchendon Savings	3,000.00	90.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Savings	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	92.50
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapan Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	55.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	90.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Totals	\$76,752.45	\$1,768.39
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1948		\$75,577.45
Added to Fund, 1948		1,175.00
Cemetery Fund Dec. 31, 1948		\$76,752.45

NORBERT C. BENOIT,  
Treasurer

## Board of Public Welfare

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

On March 5, 1948, the Friday immediately following the Annual Town Election, the members of the Board of Public Welfare met and organized as follows: Mrs. Marie L. Lari-viere, Chairman, Mr. Ovide Desrosiers, Clerk, and Mr. Hermas Lippe the third member.

Meetings were held weekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 P.M. throughout the year. Applications for assistance were considered and active cases reviewed.

Four hundred and fourteen cases were aided during the year under various categories. On June 6, 1948, it became necessary to add a Social Worker to our staff.

In December, 1948, the Board approved the recommendation of the Department of Civil Service relative to salary for the personnel in the Board of Public Welfare office. The Board accepted this recommendation due to the fact that the salaries, as recommended, will be on a level with the general standard of wages.

The General Relief case load for the year was one hundred and eight cases. Forty-nine percent of these cases are unemployable and no doubt will be in need of assistance for some time.

Twenty-three mothers and fifty-one children were aided under the Aid to Dependent Children category. This is a program of public assistance established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws which provides for cash allowances for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother or other relative, when death, divorce, desertion or some other factor has deprived the child of normal support. Each case is considered individually and the amount of assistance is arrived at in accordance with approved budgetary standards which have been established by the State Department of Public Welfare. It

is administered locally by the Board of Public Welfare under the Supervisor of the State Department of Public Welfare. Quarterly visits are required by law to be made either by the Agent or the Social Worker in homes where children are aided under this program.

Also under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare we have the Town Infirmary and the Child Welfare Services. You will find Mr. Dowling's report on the Infirmary and Mrs. Cushing's report on Child Welfare Services on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member

HERBERT H. NIELSON, Agent.

Board of Public Welfare

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## Old Age Assistance

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge :

Old Age Assistance is a form of assistance which is provided for aged citizens of Massachusetts.

Old Age Assistance is not a pension or a form of insurance, but is a program under which payments are based upon individual needs according to the State Standards of Assistance. It is administered by the Board of Public Welfare, acting under Federal and State laws which provide for Old Age Assistance and supervised by the State Department of Public Welfare.

Compulsory semi-annual visits and re-investigations must be made by either the Agent or the Social Worker in order to establish continuing eligibility and justify the grants.

A total of two hundred eighty-three cases were aided under the Old Age Assistance category during 1948. Thirty-two cases were unsettled and nineteen were settled out of town cases. Nineteen recipients died during 1948 and ten cases were transferred to other cities and towns. Fifty-four new cases were added during the year.

Under this program, the Board endeavors to insure at least a minimum of security and comfort to persons sixty-five years of age and over.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member

HERBERT H. NIELSON, Agent

Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

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## Infirmary Report

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our report for the year 1948.

The following repairs were made under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare. Acting under the advice of the State Inspector, new water pipes were laid from the street to the cellar. The work was completed in September by the Southbridge Water Supply Company. New piping and trap also had to be installed in the men's rest room on the second floor and on account of this work, the tile floor had to be removed and renewed.

The dining room floor had to be re-surfaced and new linoleum laid in the men's smoking room on the first floor.

The kitchen and pantry had not been painted for years and had to be done this year.

An average of sixteen inmates were cared for per month during 1948 at the cost of \$35.41 a month per inmate.

In November 1948, we had our annual inspection by the State Department of Public Welfare inspector, Mrs. Doyle. In her report to the local Board of Public Welfare, she commented on the interest shown in the local Infirmary by the community throughout the year. Also mentioned in her report were the attractive grounds and home-like and congenial atmosphere that prevailed.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Southbridge Amateur Movies' Club for showing weekly movies to the inmates from January to March and also to the High School Band for their Christmas Eve Concert and the Girl Scout Troop who so graciously sang carols for the inmates on this same evening.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. DOWLING, Warden

Town Infirmary

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member

Board of Public Welfare

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## Child Welfare Services

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

Referrals concerning the emotional, physical and environmental welfare of 155 children in 57 families in the Child Welfare District of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton were received during the past year. Added to the 1947 balance of cases, including 129 children in 42 families, the total number

of children receiving service was 284 in 99 families. 55 cases, representing 124 children, were closed during the year leaving a balance December 31, 1948 of 44 cases representing 160 children.

Some special projects were accomplished through the aid of volunteer workers. 36 children between the ages of 6 and 16 enjoyed boarding camp placements during the summer. We are happy to report that cases of neglected children requiring court action have been greatly reduced in the past several years and we have only 1 to record during 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman  
Child Welfare Services  
EDITH R. CUSHING,  
Child Welfare Worker

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## Report of Park Commissioners

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Town of Southbridge  
Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen :

Following is a report of the Park Commission for the year ending Dec. 31, 1948.

Loam, seed, fertilizer, etc.	\$69.00	
Mowing grass on 8 memorial plots		
May, June, July, Aug. Sept. Oct.	240.00	
Painting 4 flag poles and replacing ropes	100.00	
Total Expenditures		\$409.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. LEDUC  
WILFRED GAUTHIER  
ROLAND LANGEVIN

## Report of Assessors

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1948. All appropriations voted since 1947. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town

Clerk to be raised by taxation	\$1,039,968.00
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Total appropriations voted to be taken

from available funds. In 1947 since

1947 tax rate was fixed.	66,829.52
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\$1,106,797.52

STATE: Tax and Assessment      1948      1947

Estimates Underestimated

State Tax (No State Tax in 1948)

State Parks and Reservations	\$1,006.97
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State Audits of Municipal Acc'ts	643.84
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State Examination of Retirement System

	448.59
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\$2,099.40

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COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

County Tax	\$31,767.07
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Tuberculosis	21,293.88	\$1,086.75
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\$53,060.95	\$1,086.75	54,147.70
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OVERLAY of Current Year

15,055.56

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,178,100.18

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts for the year 1948	\$313,922.98
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OVERESTIMATES by Commissioner of  
previous year to be used as available funds

County Tax	\$3,390.23
State Parks and Reservations	271.67

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM  
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Amounts and dates of Approval by Commissioner  
of Corporations and Taxation

\$1,024.03—July 10, 1947

500.00—Sept. 26, 1947

4,150.00—Dec. 31, 1947

61,051.01—March 22, 1948

104.48—April 2, 1948

\$66,829.52	66,829.52
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\$70,491.42

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND  
AVAILABLE FUNDS

384,414.40

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION  
ON POLLS AND PROPERTY

\$793,685.78

	Tax
Number of Polls 6,238 @\$2.00 each	\$12,476.00
Total Valuation:—(Tax Rate \$52.00)	
Personal Property —\$2,545,880.00	132,385.76
Real Estate—\$12,477,385.00	648,824.02

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TOTAL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY \$793,685.78

ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE  
DETERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE

Betterment and Special Assessments.

Sidewalks Assessments in 1948 \$710.52

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Sewer Assessments in 1948	54.37
Betterment and Special Assessments added to taxes	
Sidewalks Assessments in 1948 & Interest	1,190.99
Sewer Assessments in 1948 & Interest	20,678.07
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TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	22,633.95
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## TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS

AND PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS  
COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO  
DATE OF TAX RATE

816,319.73

## ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

July 26th, 1948—Polls @ 2.00	\$52.00	
Warrant to Collector, July 26th, 1948		52.00
Dec. 27th, 1948—Polls @\$2.00	14.00	
Warrant to Collector, Dec. 27th, 1948		14.00
June 28th, 1948—Personal Property	624.00	
Warrant to Collector, June 28, 1948		624.00
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## TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE \$15,023,265.00

## TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON

POLLS, REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL,  
SEWER, AND SIDEWALK

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1948

\$817,009.73  

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## VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

For 1948	\$1,643,000.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1948	48,556.46
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Warrant to Collector for 1948	\$48,556.46

## TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION

FOR 1948 INCLUDING

MOTOR VEHICLES

16,666,265.00

## TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR

FOR 1948

865,566.19

## VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals	\$1,871,985.00
Town Property	1,728,440.00
U. S. P. O. Property	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00
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	\$3,842,675.00

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed—5065

CHARLES NORMANDIN,

JOSEPH LaFLECHE,

RAYMOND BENOIT,

Board of Assessors

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Gypsy Moth Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen :

Last year I found and exterminated 8192 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall extermination.

Inspection was restricted only to trees under town jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds.

I find the moth situation somewhat better since we have been spraying the trees with D.D.T.

Respectfully yours,

WILBUR WILSON,

Moth Superintendent

## Report of Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1948. Giving names of members of the fire department. Value of properties under my supervision. Number of fires we responded to. Value of properties where loss occurred. Dates and locations of fires.

We responded to 11 bell alarms and 264 still alarms. Total 275 alarms.

302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year. Total \$16,610.00.

The detail report and budget follows :

Value of buildings	\$579,500.00
Loss on buildings	11,343.86
Insurance on buildings	326,100.00
Insurance paid on buildings	11,323.13
Value of contents	74,900.00
Loss on contents	3,915.77
Insurance on contents	30,500.00
Insurance paid on contents	3,553.17

### INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two fire stations	\$75,000.00
Fire apparatus	30,000.00
Fire department supplies	9,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	4,000.00

### January

- 3 Still alarm at 3.00 A.M. Tenement at 81 Cliff St. Owned by Theodore Demers. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 18 Still alarm at 10.30 P.M. Tenement at 288 South St. Owned by Theresa Levesque. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

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February

- 13 Still alarm at 3.10 P.M. Tenement at 164 Mill St. Owned by Lucien Duff. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 26 Still alarm at 11.25 A.M. Tenement at 122 Chestnut St. Owned by Emile Caouette. Soldering wires with a blow torch. Insured.
- 29 Still alarm at 7.25 A.M. Tenement at 12 Crescent St. Owned by Mrs. Josephine Labelle. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

## March

- 20 Box 37 at 3.37 A.M. Barn at 140 Chapin St. Owned by Frank Iozzo. Cause unknown. Insured.
- 21 Box 64 at 11.36 A.M. Tenement at 79 and 81 Pleasant St. Owned by George E. Gaumond. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- 21 Box 64 at 11.36 A. M. Tenement at 75 Pleasant St. Owned by Albina Gaumond. Caused by fire from George Gaumond house fire. Insured.

## April

- 7 Still alarm at 8.50 A.M. Tenement at 249 Marcy St. Owned by Mrs. Mary Derouin. Caused by a flooded range oil burner. Insured.
- 26 Still alarm at 7.20 P.M. Tenement at 8 Morton Court. Owned by Morton Estate. Caused by spark from incinerator. Insured.
- 27 Still alarm at 2.25 P.M. Business block at 286 Main St. Owned by Masonic Bldg. Asso. Caused by plumbers using blow torch. Insured.

## May

- 8 Still alarm at 11.55 A.M. Tenement at 174 High St. Owned by Alan Delage. Caused by painters burning paint with blow torch. Insured.
- 9 Still alarm at 8.27 A.M. Tenement at 488 Hamilton St. Owned by Zenon Laliberte. Caused by flooded range oil burner. Insured.

## July

- 1 Still alarm at 6.30 P.M. Tenement at 647 Worcester St. Owned by Aime Larochelle. Caused by boiling fat on stove. Insured.
- 28 Still alarm at 12.45 A.M. Hotel at 326 Main St. Owned by William Murphy. Caused by cigarette. Insured.

## August

- 4 Still alarm at 3.50 P.M. Tenement at 192 Chapin St. Owned by Allen Richmond. Caused by sparks from chimney. Insured.
- 8 Box 413 at 10.28 A.M. Barn at Dennison District. Owned by Charles McLam. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- 17 Still alarm at 3.05 P.M. Lodging house at 24 Central St. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by electric iron. Insured.

## November

- 7 Still alarm at 9.20 A.M. Tenement at 14 South St. Owned by George Delehanty. Caused by overheated oven. Insured.
- 19 Still alarm at 9.10 A.M. Tenement at 185 Chapin St. Owned by Joseph Lavalley. Caused by blankets near open flame. Insured.

## December

- 3 Still alarm at 11.03 A.M. Tenement at 134 Ashland Ave. Owned by Frank Szugda. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- 3 Still alarm at 5.50 P.M. Tenement at 7 Lyons St. Owned by Joseph Marinelli. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- 25 Box at 9.55 P.M. Tenement at 13 Brochu St. Owned by Dominico Lombardi. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.

## ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPT.

Chief

OSWALD MEUNIER

Deputy Chief

DANIEL DANIELS

## PERMANENT FIREMEN

Emil Caouette, Captain	Biago Puccilli
Archie Langevin, Lieut.	Rudolphe Arpin
Harry Gendron	Adrien Pouliot
Ovila Donais	Victor Caouette
Ernest Collette	Edward McNally
Alva Gregoire	Romeo Mathieu
Henry Desourdy	Napoleon White
Arthur Marand	Jean St. Amant

Edward Boucher

## CALL MEN HOSE NO. 1

Hermas Lippe, Captain	Thomas Mannis
Stewart Casavant, Lieut.	Gerard Fontaine
Clarence Blais	George Hogan
Lionel Peloquin	Ernest Tremblay
Leopold Langlois	Albert Beaudry
James Dunn	Roland Larochelle

## CALL MEN AERIAL NO. 1

Ovide Desrosier, Captain	Louis Ciprari
Eugene Blais, Lieut.	Raymond Dartt
Napoleon Blais	Arthur Caplette
Romeo Lippe	Ronald Sheriff
Normand Larochelle	Armand Durocher

## CALL MEN OF HOSE NO. 2

Adelard Lepage, Captain	Roy Proulx
Eugene Gaumond, Lieut.	Archie Matte
Alexander Daigle	George Plouffe
Aime Ravenelle	Walter Kingsbury
Armand Gibeault	Melvin Williams

## SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM

James C. Sandgren

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 REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPT.

## Permits

Transporting Gasoline	4
High Explosives	7
Range Oil Burners	248
Power Oil Burners	143
Open Air Permits	232
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	1
Decorations	11
Bottled Gas Permits	72

## Inspections

Stores	149
Hotels and Boarding Houses	45
Tenement Houses	1736
Range Oil Burners	248
Power Oil Burners	143
Clubs and Cafes	94
Locked Out	16
Complaints	34

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier on behalf of the members of the fire department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

## Forest Fire Department

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The forest fire department answered 51 alarms for forest fires in 1948.

Fire warden's salary \$200.00.

There were 232 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One forest fire pump with 4000 ft. of 1½ hose	\$2,400.00
3350 ft. of 1 inch hose	1,650.00
6—1½ shut-off nozzles	125.00
6—1 inch shut-off nozzles	120.00
8 open end nozzles	54.00
1 one half ton Ford truck	1,200.00
Seventeen 2½ gallon extinguishers	119.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps	170.00
Two 2½ gallon hand pumps	30.00
Three ten quart pails	2.50
Twenty brooms	20.00
Two shovels	2.00
Twelve Reducers	60.00
One T. Ford truck	150.00

OSWALD MEUNIER

Forest Fire Department Warden

### DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Daniel Daniels  
 Albert Servant  
 Romeo Lippe  
 Harry Michaels

Emile Caouette  
 Joseph Mandeville  
 Archie Langevin  
 Rosario Bellerose

## Report of the Ambulance Department

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In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$500.00 made for this department.

In 1948 the ambulance department has collected \$1,412.50.

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips:

Out of town trips at no charge	
Veterans' Aid	2
Old Age Assistance	1
Public Welfare	3
Abated	6
Southbridge	2225
Worcester	66
Sturbridge	37
Charlton	29
Fiskdale	19
Grafton	10
Boston	8
Holland	10
Brimfield	8
Dudley	6
Spencer	4
Fall River	2
Willimantic	1
Springfield	1
Woodstock	1
Millbury	1
Hartford	1
Pelham	1
Framingham	1
Uxbridge	1

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Wales	1
Stoneham	1
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Total trips for 1948	446

## INVENTORY OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1 Cadillac Ambulance	\$5,750.00
1 Ford Ambulance	500.00
2 Spare Tires	55.00
2 Folding Stretchers	60.00
1 Orthopedic Stretcher	60.00
2 First Aid Kits	12.00
14 Blankets	70.00
2 Flame proof blankets	90.00
12 Sheets	12.00
8 Pillow Cases	6.00
3 Pillows	7.50

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## Report of Tree Warden

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Last year I sprayed the town's trees with D.D.T. and the work was done with very good results. The spray should be done every year to control Dutch Elm Disease.

I also did some trimming, cabling, and cavity work on trees that were in bad condition.

Some new trees were also planted on various streets in town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR WILSON

Tree Warden.

## Veterans' Service Center

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January 12, 1949

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen :

This Department is pleased to submit for your consideration its third report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services :

Allotment or Allowance	62
Burial	31
Civil Service	59
Compensation	29
Discharge	
Copy	14
Recorded	42
Education—Training—Rehabilitation	217
Employment	39
Filing for Bonus	72
Flags	7
Hospitalization	58
Housing	81
Information	88
Insurance	104
Legal	48
Loans	66
Medical—Dental	62
Miscellaneous	125
Notarization	151
Pensions	57
Photostat	160
Readjustment Allowance	65
Social Security	35

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Taxes	58
Terminal Leave	9
Unemployment Compensation	97
Veterans Benefits	
Temporary Cases	35
Permanent Cases	17
Selective Service Act of 1948	52

This office operates under Chapter 115 and Chapter 584 of the General Laws to determine proper expenditures of Veterans Benefits.

During 1948 this Department approved aid to benefit thirty-five (35) temporary cases (107 persons) and seventeen (17) permanent cases (35 persons).

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, local industries and all others with whose cooperation the services of this Department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BENOIT,

Director

## Report of Board of Health

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March fourth, and organized as follows: Raymond F. Haling, M.D., Chairman; Ernest Tetreault, Clerk, and Robert W. DeJordy, D.S.C, Publicity Director. Twelve regular and two special meetings were held during the year.

In order to provide the necessary service, pertaining to this department, the Board has come to the conclusion that it is urgent to reapportion the work and increase the personnel. The more advanced scientific methods available today should be of ultimate benefit to the community.

The increase in population and housing has made it imperative that this department expand its health program.

One of the most annoying, and at times difficult problems to solve by the Board, has to do with the abatement of nuisances. A great many complaints by individuals, are trivial matters that could be easily adjusted if personally taken up in the right spirit with the neighbor involved. Each complaint has to be investigated by our inspector, thereby consuming valuable time which should be effectively devoted to much more important work. It seems incredible that three hundred calls, interviews and investigations for the elimination of nuisances were made during the year, with a record of a hundred and twenty-two for the month of July.

As mentioned in our last report, a program of sanitation in "Food and Drinking Establishments" was started in 1944 and another attempt was made in 1947. This program consists of three related phases:

1. Education of Food and Drink Handlers
2. Verification of methods used by laboratory tests
3. Follow-up of recommendations.

The continuation of this work has been practically at a stand still, due to lack of interest and co-operation on the part of the owners and personnel. It is regrettable that they did not avail themselves of the opportunity to acquire the latest approved methods of sanitation. Nevertheless, this very important phase of community health is still a part of our local program, and more time should be allotted to this work. Health is the concern of every individual, as well as the public at large, and this department should be supported in its efforts.

In review of the past three years, the collection of garbage on the whole, has been as adequate as could be expected under the circumstances that prevail for this type of work. Bearing in mind the fact that the new building developments on the outskirts of the town has increased the territory served.

As the present garbage contract expires March 31, 1949, the Board plans to request bids, in due time, for the awarding of a new contract.

At present we have fifteen dealers, and seventy-eight producers under our immediate control, supplying milk in this community. In order to maintain a consistant quality of milk, the Board feels it is necessary to test and analyze this product monthly. Under the present set-up, it has been impossible to maintain even this minimum schedule.

The activities of the department have been carried on during the year by the appointed personnel, as efficiently as possible, and we wish to thank all who have co-operated with them.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.,  
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.,  
ERNEST TETREAULT,

Board of Health

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 REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
 

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To the Board of Health  
 Town of Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The results of the annual inspection of pupils in the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

STE. JEANNE d'ARC SCHOOL

Total children examined	308
Defects requiring notices	83
Carious teeth	77
Hypertrophied tonsils	44
Tonsils under observation	19
Tonsils removed (defect corrected)	16
Ears (Cerumen)	11
Eye (squint)	1
Eyes corrected with glasses	13
Cervical glands	12
Skin (acne)	10
Posture	1

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Total children examined	598
Defects requiring notices	165
Carious teeth	121
Hypertrophied tonsils	63
Tonsils under observation	65
Tonsils removed (defect corrected)	10
Ears (cerumen)	4
Eyes under treatment (squint)	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	16
Eye-lids (granulated)	1
Cyst on right eye-lid	1
Cyst on side of jaw	1
Cyst under chin	1
Cervical glands	25

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Skin (acne)	7
Heart	4

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Total children examined	183
Defects requiring notices	50
Carious teeth	60
Hypertrophied tonsils	32
Tonsils under observation	15
Tonsils removed (defect corrected)	12
Ears (cerumen)	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	8
Cervical glands	5
Skin (acne)	4

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health,

Dear Sirs:—

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1948.

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TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS

Our consultation clinics have been held according to schedule in the Town Hall, the third Wednesday of each month. Patients were referred to the clinic with a request from their own physician, for X-ray and examination. The X-ray is the most valuable aid in pulmonary tuberculosis, because it often shows disease long before it has developed far enough to be detected in any other way. The findings assist the physician to confirm his diagnosis and check contacts in the incipient stage. Sanatoria

patients find the clinic convenient in following their routine check-up, also for contacts in the household.

Two hundred and fifty-one patients received this service, representing fourteen towns and twenty-five physicians.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

From March 23rd to May 25th, four Toxoid clinics were held for the prevention of diphtheria. Since the increase in the number of diphtheria cases, during the last two years, we have included a booster does of toxoid for all children, immunized three or more years. Eighty children received the booster shot and one hundred and fifty the regular immunization doses.

### DENTAL CLINICS

Although the condition of the children's teeth has improved, our school health records still show carious teeth at the top of the list of defects. Sixty-four clinics, maintained by the health department during the school year, affords an opportunity to teach oral hygiene and repair dental defects. However, our program is limited and this service is available only to the first four grades.

Number of children admitted to clinics	543
Number of cleanings	494
Number of fillings	195
Number of extractions	19

### REGISTRATION CLINICS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

This year four clinics were scheduled early in May to register and examine all children preparing to enter school in the Fall. Parents were invited to report with their children for registration and to discuss any social or behavior problem that might handicap them in their school work. Each child had an eye and ear test, was weighed and measured, his medical history was also recorded on his health card. Two hundred and ten registered.

The same group were requested to report the following week to their own physician or to the clinic for a physical examination, by the school physicians and a dentist. Eighty-one were examined.

Since this check-up saves loss of school time later and gives the beginner a better start, the school authorities are planning to refuse to admit a child to school, until he has had a physical examination.

Children in the elementary grades of the parochial schools were examined by the school physician, assisted by the school nurse. These routine physical examinations take place each year, as soon as possible after school opens in the Fall. The purpose is to note the general health, to detect symptoms of contagious disease and on the whole to check the growth and well being of the child since his last examination. Good appearance, an increase in height and weight, usually finds a child normal physically. Parents are advised of all defects found and urged to follow recommendations.

A hearing test was conducted in the Ste. Jean d'Arc school with the 4C Audiometer for all pupils beginning with the third grade. The 4C Audiometer test is a detection process, it screens out those whose hearing is open to suspicion, by accurately recording the amount of hearing lost. Since the success of the test depends a great deal on the silence of the immediate environment, it is necessary to do this work in a separate room. One hundred and ninety were tested in groups of twenty. Twenty-two failed to record numbers below a certain level.

Eight girls, six contacts to tuberculosis, and two underweight spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp this summer. A daily routine, well planned, kept them busy physically and mentally. They all gained weight and thoroughly enjoyed their vacation. The camp is maintained by the sale of Christmas seals, and funds from the same source are also used to supply the services of a nurse to assist at the consultation clinics.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health, were placarded according to local requirements. Visits were made to each case and instructions given to prevent the spread of the disease.

Funds donated by the Lions' Club provided forty children with a mid-morning milk lunch. The parents of these children appreciate this gesture and wish to express their sincere thanks.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

## REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health,

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year:

Chicken Pox	65	Pneumonia—Broncho	1
Dog-bite	30	Measles	65
German Measles	8	Mumps	6
Influenza—Type B		Scarlet Fever	7
Meningitis	1	Tuberculosis—Pulmonary	4
Pneumonia—Lobar	6	Infectious Diarrhea	1
Total—194			

List of death in Town, for which this office has issued permits for burial

### DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Heart Failure presumably		Acute Coronary Occlusion	10
due to Coronary		Acute Coronary Occlusion	
Thrombosis	13	with Myocardial Infarct	1
Coronary Heart Disease	7	Arteriosclerotic Heart	
Coronary Thrombosis	14	Disease	3
Arteriosclerosis	11	Dissecting Aneurysm of	
Coronary Sclerosis	2	Aorta	1
Hypertensive Heart Disease	1	Rheumatic Carditis—	
Chronic Myocardities	14	Myocardial Failure	1

## DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Hemorrhage	16
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## DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Pulmonary Embolism	1	Broncho Pneumonia	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	Virus Pneumonia	1
Acute Hydrothorax	1	Hypostatic Pneumonia	1

## DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Perforated Duodenal Ulcer	2	Cancer of Stomach	3
Gastro-enteritis	2	Cancer of Stomach and	
Infectious Diarrhea	1	Liver	1
Diabetic Coma with Acidosis	1	Cancer of Bowel	1
Cancer of Pancreas	3	Cancer of Colon	1

## DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

Uremic Coma	1	Adeno-carcinoma of Cervix	
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Cancer of Uterus	1	carcinomatosis	1
Cancer of Cervix	1	Adeno-carcinoma of left	
Cancer of Bladder	2	kidney with carcinomatosis	1
		Adeno-carcinoma of Ovary	
		with Peritoneal metastasis	1

## ALL OTHER DISEASES

Cancer of Larynx	1	Placenta Praevia-centralis	1
Leukemia	2	Asphyxia—Neonatorum	4
Cardio-renal Vascular Disease	1	Placental Infaret	1
Still Born	3	Pulmonary Atelectasis—	
Prematurity	4	neonatorum	4

## ACCIDENTAL

Cerebral Contusion and Hemorrhage due to Trauma	1
Fractured Skull	2
Industrial Accident—Hemorrhage—Chest Contusion	1
Struck by Freight Train	1
War Casualties	5

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOOT EXAMINATION

To the Honorable Board of Health and  
The Parochial School Physician:

Herewith I submit my report on the foot examination of the Parochial school children for the year ending December 31, 1948.

A total of eleven hundred and ninety children were examined in the three parochial schools. Of this number, eighty-three had conditions of sufficient severity to warrant notifying the parents that prompt medical attention was needed. Sixty-four others had minor defects and were instructed in proper hygiene and prophylaxis.

The benefits derived from these examinations are evidenced by the lessened severity and decreasing number of foot conditions noted.

Following is a tabulation of the more serious defects noted:

Weak feet	18	Tyloma	3
Flat feet	8	Strained feet	1
Pronation (weak ankles)	6	Knock knees	2
Hallux Valgus (bunions)	2	Heel conditions	1
Fungous infections (ring-worm)	5	Depressed metatarsal arch	8
Hyperhidrosis	6	Retracted digits	4
Verrucae	5	Dermatitis	3
Infections	1	Nail conditions	1
		Heloma (Corns)	10

I gratefully acknowledge the cooperation received from the school authorities and the Board of Health nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

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REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Health,

Gentlemen :

During the year we collected 476 samples of milk and cream from 78 Dairy farms, 15 milk dealers and 5 milk plants situated in the towns of Brimfield, the Brookfields, Charlton, Dudley, North Grosvenordale, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and the Woodstocks, who supply dairy products sold in our town at wholesale or retail. These numbers do not include the producers whose milk is sold locally by out of town dealers.

With the above mentioned 476 samples, we conducted the following tests and analyses :

TESTS FOR BUTTER FAT—498 Samples. 43 samples were below the state standard of 3.35%.

TESTS FOR SOLIDS (ADULTERATION)—712 Samples. 262 were below the state standard of 12.00%.

PHOSPHATASE TEST (PASTEURIZATION)—36 Sample. 4 samples were insufficiently pasteurized.

KEEPING QUALITY TESTS (COLOR REDUCTION)—None made.

BACTERIA COUNT—Microscopic—351 Samples. 121 samples had a high count and were below standard.

BACTERIA COUNT—Standard Plate—None made.

MASTITIS TEST (Microscopic). (Smear of cultures)—Cultured milk from 53 animals, 14 of which were positive and were disposed of by the owners.

We also granted the following licenses :

Pasteurization Plants	5
Milk Dealers (Vehicles)	15
Milk Dealers (Stores, Restaurants)	96

Ice Cream Manufacturers	2
Oleomargarine, Licenses and Registrations	78

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Milk.

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## REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Health,

Gentlemen:

We have 65 establishments dispensing food and drink to be consumed on the premises, exclusive of markets, fruit stands, etc. These places have 94 separate sanitary set-ups requiring different arrangements, inspections and tests of various kinds.

During the year we conducted utensil swabbing tests from which bacteria counts were made on glasses, cups, spoons and forks, to determine the efficiency of dishwashing and sterilizing methods.

From a total of 67 such tests, we arrive at the following results:

GOOD. (Below 100 colonies per utensil)—17 establishments or approximately 25.4%.

FAIR. (Between 101-500 colonies per utensil)—15 establishments or approximately 22.4%.

UNSATISFACTORY. (501-Not Countable)—35 establishments or approximately 52.2%.

TOTAL TESTS—67.

This shows only about 25% of these establishments meet the requirements of washing and sanitizing food and drink dispensing utensils, while 75½ of them vary from FAIR to VERY UNSATISFACTORY.

Food storage, refrigeration, cabinets, counters, serving and steam-tables, cooking and dispensing utensils, hot and cold water supplies, hand-washing and toilet facilities for employees, personal hygiene, etc., are all items which were not surveyed due to lack of time which had to be devoted to work of equal importance but of a more frequently occurring nature.

Health educational and training courses for operators and personnel is of paramount importance in this work.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Food Inspector.

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## REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Health,  
Gentlemen:

We were present on the premises and assisted at the slaughtering of the following animals:

CATTLE	49 heads
CALVES	95 heads
HOGS	157 heads
SHEEP	4 heads
GOATS	12 heads

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TOTAL	317 heads
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We made no confiscations and the meat on all carcasses was inspected and passed for food.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

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 REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING
 

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To the Honorable Board of Health,

Gentlemen :

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed :

	NEW	OLD
Water Closets	204	13
Lavatories	202	2
Bath Tubs	120	1
Kitchen Sinks	132	4
Laundry Trays	11	1
Sink and Tray Combination	14	1
Slop Sinks	3	1
Shower Pans	21	0
Urinals	14	2
Drinking Fountains	9	0
Garbage Grinders	3	0
Clothes Washing Machines	29	0
Industrial and Laboratory Sinks	4	0
Bar and Soda Fountain Sinks	2	0
Dish-Washnig Machines	3	0
Moisture Extractor	1	0
Food Steam-Tables	2	0
Sump Pump	1	0
Water Pumps	3	0
Ind. and Tankless Water Heaters	26	1
Gas, Oil and Electric Water Heaters	55	1
Hot Water Coils	9	0
Hot Water Tanks	82	1
Floor Drains	7	0
<b>TOTAL FIXTURES INSTALLED</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>28</b>

There were 14 connections from private disposal (cesspool or septic tanks) to public sewers.

We also had 37 jobs of water piping and general plumbing repairs.

Number of permits granted	281
Number of inspections made	672
Number of water tests made	48
Number of unfinished jobs	33

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Plumbing.

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## Report of the Inspector of Animals

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

We hereby present the report of our activities during the past year as follows:

We quarantined 30 dogs on suspicion of rabies for the usual 14 days. Dairy farmers also disposed of 24 heads of cattle for Mastitis infection, by sale or slaughter.

There were 52 heads of cattle imported within this town from other states or Canada which were identified as as coming from tuberculin tested herds and were accompanied by certificates testifying that they had been blood tested within 30 days of shipment for Bang's disease.

In the annual census required by the Director of Livestock Disease Control, we enumerated the following number of animals within the town limits:

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Cattle	392 heads
Horses	73 heads
Goats	13 heads
Sheep	9 heads
Swine	38 heads

Several owners were required to clean and white wash their stables and to remove accumulations of manure periodically.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON  
Inspector of Animals

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## Report of Inspector of Wires

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

Permits issued for new buildings	79
Permits issued for additions to already erected building	47
Permits issued for addition to old work	876
Inspection while work is in progress	1,108
Permits issued for wiring oil burners	51
Permits issued for wiring ranges	48
Permits issued for wiring water heaters	25

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE BACHAND  
Wire Inspector

## Report of the Honor Roll Committee

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January 14, 1949

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The balance of our appropriation for maintaining the Honor Roll is \$9.49. The sum of \$340.51 was spent in keeping the second World War Honor Roll clean and the listing of names for publication.

The listing of names of Southbridge people who served in World War II was done by an unemployed veteran of this war hired to do this work.

We also request at this time an inspection of the Honor Roll by our building inspector whom we believe qualified to issue a statement as to the condition and safety of the Honor Roll which was built for the duration of the war.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all town departments and especially the Veteran's Service Department, co-partners to our final objective, "The completed list of SOUTHBRIDGE people who served in World War II."

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD BEAUREGARD  
RAYMOND BENOIT  
RENALDO GUERTIN  
EDMUND RYAN  
DORIS LOISELLE  
GEORGE WATSON

## Report of Police Department

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration our annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1948.

Complaints made in the district court 579; male 554, females 25, juvenile 4.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries	56
Motor vehicle accidents with property damage	87
Motor vehicle licenses suspended	93
Motor vehicle operating violations	236
Operating under the influence of liquor	15
Motor vehicle registration suspended	13
Parking violations with summons served	1831
Persons reported missing and found	13
Doors and windows found open or unlocked	231
Radio calls sent out	545
Motor vehicles reported stolen and recovered	7
Lodging given to travelers	85
Property reported stolen—Valued	\$3,421.40
Property in charge of police department estimated	\$66,000.00

In behalf of our officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all other Town officials for their co-operation and consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT,  
Chief of Police

December 31, 1948.

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# Report of the Recreation Committee

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Town of Southbridge  
Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen :

The recreation committee which was appointed by the selectmen as per vote of the people at the March Town Meeting 1948 has held 41 meetings during the past year.

Their first meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 1948.

Their first action was to organize and formulate rules and regulations for the operation of the Dresser Street Field and Municipal Swimming Pool.

On July 19, 1948 the committee was notified that the Dresser St. Field had been officially accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

At the meeting of the Recreation Committee held July 19, 1948 the Committee was asked to serve as a dedication committee for the Dresser St. Field by the Board of Selectmen. Eleven members were present at this meeting and they accepted this added duty providing they could enlarge the committee for this occasion.

Following is a resume of the financial account of the Dedication :

Deposits	\$1,529.00
Checks drawn	1,350.00
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Balance	\$178.67
Bank Service Charge	1.50
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Balance	\$177.17

Bills not paid :

Clinton High School Band	\$100.00
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Wakefield Red Men Band	214.00
Marlboro Legion Drum Corps	250.00
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Total	\$564.40
Less Balance in Bank	177.17
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Deficit	\$387.23

The Dresser St. Field was in operation from Aug. 3rd to Nov. 28th, 1948 and 177 permits were issued to 27 various groups during that period.

The swimming pool was in operation from July 1st to Sept. 7th, 1948.

The Committee was notified officially by the Board of Selectmen that the Alumni Field was under the control of the Recreation Committee at their meeting held Aug. 9, 1948. The Committee was also notified it had no funds to operate or maintain this Field.

Following is a report of monies received by the Committee and turned over to the Town Treasurer for deposit in the E. & D. account.

	Dresser St. Field	Alumni Field	Total
Concession	\$240.00	\$50.00	
Rentals	279.19	139.60	
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	\$519.19	\$189.60	
			\$708.79
Monies receivable:			
Concessions	\$40.00		
Rentals	53.44		
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	\$93.44		
			\$93.44
Total			<hr/>
			\$802.23

The expense account of the swimming pool is hereby submitted.

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Instructors	\$1,788.50	
Ground, Bldgs., all others	73.49	
Materials & Supplies	102.05	
Equipment & Maintenance	15.06	
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Total		\$1,979.10

The Dresser St. Athletic Field expenses comprise the following.

Caretaker	\$873.00	
Ass't. Caretaker	489.00	
Labor	62.00	
Truck Expense	5.45	
New Equipment	1,293.15	
Materials & Supplies	999.85	
Fuel ,Light, Water	179.36	
Maint. of Bldgs., Grounds	343.61	
Maint. of Equipment	267.15	
Advertising & all others	6.88	
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Total		\$4,519.45

Total Swimming Pool & Municipal Field	6,498.55
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We wish to thank the various Town Departments and officials who have given to this committee their knowledge and assistance

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. LEDUC, Chairman  
 JOHN E. MERRILL, Secretary  
 JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Treasurer

THOMAS CAREY	ROLAND LANGEVIN
EMIL MARTIN	WILFRED GAUTHIER
LORENZO BEAUPRE	ARMAND DE ANGELIS
STUART CASAVANT	HENRY RACICOT
ARMAND CIERI	FRANK SKINYON
CHARLES COURNOYER	JOHN LIBERA

## Report of the Swimming Pool Supervisor

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January 31, 1949

Mr. Arthur Leduc, Chairman  
Recreation Committee  
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Leduc:

At your request, I am submitting the annual report of the swimming pool supervisor for 1948.

### ATTENDANCE:

From July 2 to September 7, a total of 15,235 recorded persons availed themselves of the pool's facilities; 7,242 July, 6,720 August, 1373 September. Average daily attendance—234. This impressive and significant figure emphasizes the importance and definite necessity of our swimming pool.

### RESCUES:

The all-important factor of competent supervision was demonstrated many times during the swimming season. Thirteen children suffering from cramps, exhaustion and other physical or psychological factors such as fear and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards. These situations coupled with situations in which order has to be maintained, and there are many such situations, fully justify the presence of responsible and competent lifeguards at all times.

### WATER EXHIBITIONS:

July 7, Miss Carlstrom, Red Cross instructress, skillfully demonstrated various standardized methods employed in life-saving.

July 8, the summer playground's annual "Water Day" was held at the pool. Most of the contestants on that day were those children who had accounted for the bulk of our attend-

ance throughout the season. This again is highly substantive of the defined utility of our pool.

#### RED CROSS AWARDS:

Red Cross badges and certificates were awarded to 25 beginners, 2 junior and 4 senior lifesavers. All had passed Red Cross tests in their respective areas. These tests were administered by Miss Fitzgerald who has been a certified Red Cross examiner for many years and who has been instrumental in developing so many new swimmers during the last five years.

#### HEALTH CARE:

In order to maintain positive control over the bacterial growth and thus provide safe water for bathers, the upper reservoir with a capacity of 6,500,000 gallons was utilized according to the bathing load; while systematic chlorination provided a second safeguard. These two checks, scientifically manipulated, are potent enough to dispel any existing fear of pollution.

In concluding my report, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your committee for the fine cooperation we received from you throughout the official season. It was indeed a pleasure to work with men who manifest so much interest, sincerity and altruism in civic welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. DESROCHES

## Report of Tax Collector

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1948.

### Taxes:

#### Levy of 1947

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948		\$30,286.18
Payments to Treasurer	\$29,689.42	
Tax Title	596.76	
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		\$30,286.18

### Taxes:

#### Levy of 1948

Payments to Treasurer	\$751,543.90	\$794,376.89
Abatements	4,743.04	
Tax Title	758.94	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1948	37,522.52	

#### Refunds

\$191.51

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\$794,376.89

### Excise Taxes:

#### Levy of 1947

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948	\$1,173.64
Commitments of Jan., 1948	312.89
Error in Abatement	1.51
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	\$1,488.04

Payments to Treasurer	\$1,256.00
Abatements	257.98

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\$1,513.98

Refunds	25.94	
		<u>\$1,488.04</u>
Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1948		\$48,556.46
Payments to Treasurer	\$46,497.83	
Abatements	1,755.48	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1948	925.51	
		<u>\$49,178.82</u>
Refunds	622.36	
		<u>\$48,556.46</u>
Sidewalk Assessments:		
Levy of 1947		
Outstanding January 1, 1948		\$192.34
Payments to Treasurer		\$192.34
Sidewalk Assessment Interest:		
Levy of 1947		
Outstanding January 1, 1948		\$11.54
Payments to Treasurer		\$11.54
Sidewalk Assessments:		
Levy of 1948		\$52.45
Payments to Treasurer		\$52.45
Sidewalk Assessment Interest:		
Levy of 1948		\$1.92
Payments to Treasurer		\$1.92
Sewer Assessments:		
Levy of 1948		\$664.95
Payments to Treasurer	\$65.46	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	599.49	
		<u>\$664.95</u>

## Sewer Assessment Interest

Levy of 1948		\$45.57
Payments to Treasurer	\$13.09	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	\$32.48	
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		\$45.57

## Special Sewer Assessments:

Levy of 1948		\$20,678.07
Payments to Treasurer	\$12,360.92	
Abated	1,040.25	
To be added to Taxes	7,276.90	
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		\$20,678.07

## Special Sidewalk Assessments:

Levy of 1948		\$1,190.99
Payments to Treasurer		\$1,190.99
Special Sidewalk Assessments:		

Levy of 1947		\$365.01
Payments to Treasurer	\$312.56	
Added to Taxes	52.45	
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		\$365.01

## Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments:

Levy of 1947	\$795.03	
Levy of 1948	112.78	
Demands	78.75	
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		\$986.56

Grand Total Collected in 1948	\$844,174.98
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I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation.

MEDRIC DUHAMEL,  
Tax Collector

# Report of Town Engineer

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1948:

## CONTRACTS

	Length	Built By
Charlton St. Drain	220 L.F.	Ciesla Bros.
Forest Ave. Sewer	492 L.F.	Ciesla Bros.
West St. Sewer	786 L.F.	Frank Shields, Inc.
Everett St.	2450 L.F.	Frank Shields, Inc.
Lens, Dean, Benefit, Crystal, Blackmoore Rd.	1000 L.F.	Highway Dept.
West St.	1600 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Grandstands—Athletic Field		Hussey Mfg. Co.
Bleachers—Athletic Field		Hussey Mfg. Co.
Oliver St. sidewalk (estimate, plan, and contract)		(No Bid)
Swimming Pool (concrete steps, estimate and plan)		
Federal Housing (contract forms)		Built By
Rogers St. Sidewalk (private)	50 L.F.	H. J. Madore
Worcester St. Sidewalk (private)	196 L.F.	Fileno Realty Co.
Westwood Parkway Sewer (private)	250 L.F.	Nichola D'Alesandro

## STREET BOUNDS SET

West St. (10)	Cisco St. (2)
Worcester St. (18)	Warren St. (1)
Pleasant St. (4)	Westwood Hills (5)
Brickyard Rd. (4)	Cole Ave. (2)
Maple Terr. (2)	Woodycrest Ave. (1)
Alumni Field (7)	Dresser Field (2)
Roger St. (5)	Marsh Ave. (3)

## LAYOUT, DESCRIPTION AND PLAN

Forest Ave.	Kingsley St.
West St.	Alumni Field
Maple Terr.	Locust Ave. (sewer)
Cisco St.	Litchfield Ave. (sewer)
Woodycrest Ave.	Westview Terr.
Everett St. (drain easement)	Curtis St.
Goddard Ct.	Violet Ave. Extension
Hudson Ave.	

## HOUSE NUMBERS AND PLANS

Maple Terr. (10)	Worcester St.
Elm St. (1)	Everett St.
Clemence Hill	Morris St. (2)
Elm St. (Julien)	Paige Hill (7)
Marjorie Lane	Cisco St.
Wall St.	Westwood Parkway

All house numbering plans were brought up to date.

## ESTIMATES

Hartwell St. resurfacing	West St. School fence
Marcy St. resurfacing	River St. School fence
Dresser St. resurfacing and sidewalks	Cole Trade School driveway
Everett St. resurfacing	Eastford Rd. School driveway
Goddard Ct. widening and resurfacing	Marsh St. grading
Lebanon Hill sewer	Bridge at Sewer Beds
Durfee St. sewer	Swimming Pool budget
Beecher St. sewer	Water Holes
Ashland Ave. sidewalk	South St. (Highland to West)
Cisco St. sidewalk	

## STREET LINES

River St. (Harrington Cutlery)	Eastford Rd.
Vinton St.	Golf St. (3)
Brookside Rd.	Clarke St.
Olney Ave.	Fort Sumpter
Morris St.	Liberty St.
Paige Hill	Eastford Rd.

Maple Terr.  
Elm St.  
Litchfield Ave.

Dresser St.  
Morris St.

### LOCATE SEWER LINES

Worcester St. (Larochelle)

Marcy St. (Suprenant)

### SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Hillside Rd. sewer  
Proulx Ave. sewer  
Worcester St. sewer

Forest Ave. sewer  
West St. sewer

### INVESTIGATIONS

#### SEWERS

Cross St.  
Blanchard Drive  
Wall St.  
Spring St.  
High St.  
Durfee St.  
Gibraltar Ave.  
Litchfield Ave.  
Belmont St.  
Lebanon Hill

#### DRAINAGE

Elm St.  
Forest Ave.  
Westwood Parkway  
River St.  
Hamilton St.  
Locust Ave.  
Fiske St.  
Main St. (Power House)

#### RELOCATIONS

Goddard St.

#### PROPERTY LINES

Elm St. (Town Hall lot)  
Marcy St. School  
Wells High School  
River St. School  
West St. School  
Charlton St. School

Mechanic St.

#### RESURFACING

Fairmont Ave.  
Wardwell Ct.  
Hudson Ave.

### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

West St. (water)  
Brickyard Rd. (water)  
Maple Terr. (layout, plan, estimate)  
Hudson Ave.  
Kingsley St.  
Athletic Field (Shop Drawings—Stands)

Planning Board (Thru Stop Signs)  
Articles for Town Meeting  
Fiske St. (piping of brook) (check water at Reservoir)  
Ames Worsted (ice at dam)  
Widening Everett and Elm St. Rotary  
Inspect Gravel—Sturbridge 3  
Gibraltar Field (flood prevention)  
Calculations for Assessors  
Eastford Rd. (Chapter 90)  
Veterans' Housing (Sturbridge Rd. Piasta Prop.) (Morris  
St. Peck Prop.)  
Darling Rd. (telephone poles)  
Cisco and Morris St. (tel. guywire)  
Sewer Beds (right-of-way)  
Hook St. (right-of-way)  
Dresser St. (Cole Trade School driveway)  
Town Hall (guard railing)  
Sewer Gauging  
Brook under Main St.  
Alumni Field (fence)  
Nuisance Brook near river  
Windsor Ct. sidewalk  
Permits to open streets (91)

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all Town Departments for the continued cooperation given me and the Engineering Department during the year 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,  
Town Engineer

## Report of Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is the report of the Building Activities carried on in Southbridge during the year of 1948.

I have also compiled a 10 year report of building construction, costs and number of families provided for, which includes the real estate valuation.

I think this will make a handy reference table, in view of the many requests I have had from time to time concerning such data.

### BUILDING REPORT OF 1948

	No. of	Add. Families Provided For	Est. Cost
	Permits		
Single Family residences	24	24	\$163,500.00
2 Apartment Dwellings	5	10	55,500.00
Additions and alterations	30	21	67,320.00
Commercial Buildings	4	..	61,000.00
Private garages	23	..	17,900.00
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Total	86	55	\$365,220.00

### 10 YEAR REPORT OF BUILDING ACTIVITY

	No. Permits Issued	Add'l Families Provided For	Total Estimated For Construction	Real Estate Valuation
1939	159	145	\$586,771	
1940	142	131	478,982	\$10,703,865
1941	138	101	642,055	11,077,080

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10 YEAR REPORT OF BUILDING ACTIVITY

(Continued)

1942	39	21	276,790	11,479,440
1943	50	88	348,240	11,656,740
1944	49	39	309,975	11,735,930
1945	51	21	140,850	11,908,340
1946	98	73	411,775	11,965,975
1947	112	70	476,900	12,155,410
1948	76	55	365,200	
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Total	914	744	\$4,037,558	

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND DE ANGELIS

## Report of the Board of Road Commissioners

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1 January 1949

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Highway Department wishes to submit the following report:

We, the Board of Road Commissioners, wish to thank all officials and the citizens of our town for the cooperation received at times of emergency and during the regular working periods.

The expenditures of this department may be read by consulting the Town Accountant's reports—it is our wish to show what has been accomplished with the various appropriations allocated to our department.

From the first week of January to the second week of March, the crew of the Highway Department composed of the Superintendent, two mechanic-operators, one clerk-operator, seven drivers and seven laborers were kept busy (around the clock at times) plowing the streets and removing the snow and also sanding the streets when needed—the department was cited for its efficiency and effort in keeping all roads passable during the abnormal winter of 1947-1948.

Fifty-three ton of rock salt and 689 yards of sand mixed together were used for the sanding of streets and in order to open roads that had been blocked by drifts it was found necessary to request the State Department of Public Works the use of a 10 ton Walters Snow Fighter for opening and widening of the main arteries in and around the Town. The

expenses for the above mentioned period were low compared to other towns of the same size and population.

As soon as possible the department began patching and repairing the streets and roads that had been badly damaged by the rigors of a severe winter. On gravel roads the following material was used along with shaping and rolling:

1,800 yards of Gravel.

Asphalt covered streets were repaired using our own patch mixer; the following materials were used:

12,000 gallons Sticwet asphalt

440 ton small stone

112 yards sand

In conjunction with the patching of roads the following byways were treated with bituminous material:

#### RC-5 AND SMALL STONE

Marcy Street, Hamilton to Hartwell; Hartwell Street Marcy to Elm; High Street, Main to South; Sayles Street, Main to South; Main Street, Everett to Oak Ridge entrance—8,947 gallons.

#### (PENETRATION) MC-1 AND SAND

Old Charlton Road; Ashland Avenue, upper end; Warren St.; Morris St., 550 ft. only; River St., 150 ft. near Cutlery Co.; Union St.; Marsh St., Elm to Eastford; West St., 1,500 ft. only; Crystal St.; Gulf St.—21,579 gallons.

#### (SEALER) MC-3 AND SAND

Newell Avenue, Water St., Winter St., Lovely St., School St., Collier St., High St. Ext., Sayles St. Ext., Glover St., Ashland Avenue, Dean St., Benefit St., Gulf St., Old Charlton Road, Crystal St., Lens St., Lens Court.—10,647 gallons.

With the above applications approximately 610 yards of sand and 343 tons of small stone were used.

Among the special projects worked on was the Dennison Road project (called Darling Road) with an application of MC-3, this was a 1947 appropriation and should be completed in 1949 with another application of MC-3.

Regarding 1948 appropriation—West Street project—this street was improved insofar as ordered in the annual town meeting warrant and voted by the people, calling for the widening of the worst curves with adequate drainage—over and above this, in order to insure that the partly completed project stay in condition it was voted by the Board and approved by the Finance Committee to apply a treatment of MC-1 to widened parts of West Street and take the cost from the Oil for Roads Account.

Blackmoor Road was widened as voted at the special Town meeting on 26 October 1948—268 yards of gravel were used.

In order to provide good drainage for the Winter months to follow, the Highway crew cleaned all catchbasins and checked the drains for blockage. After completion of the above, sand was hauled to the barn, treated with salt and stored for future use. The Town Barn was once more reinforced with extra beams, the reason for this is that the barn contains a chute with a 21-yard capacity and when the chute is loaded to capacity it is quite a strain on the rafters and beams. The Board, at this time, would like to recommend the building of two storage bins in the yard, these bins to have a total capacity of 100 yards and to be built to State specifications.

The rolling equipment inventory for the department includes:

- 1—1938 International 1½ ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1938 Ford 1½ ton dump truck.
- 1—1938 Ford 1½ ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1941 Ford 1½ ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1942 Chevrolet Coupe (Supt.'s car).
- 1—1945 FWD 3 ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1946 Chevrolet 1½ ton dump truck
- 1—1946 International 3 ton dump truck with snow plow.

- 1—1946 GMC 2½ ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1947 International 3½ ton dump truck with snow plow.
- 1—1941 Austern-Western Grader with one way plow, V-plow and wing.
- 1—Buffalo-Springfield 12 ton Roller
- 1—1948 C. H. & E. Roller, 3 to 5 ton.
- 1—1942 K-5 Nelson Gravel and Snow Loader.
- 1—1947 R-10 Nelson Snow Loader.
- 1 Tilt Mixer Jaeger for mixing patch.
- 1 Tilt Mixer Rex for mixing cement.
- 1 Road Hone (towed by grader).

The garage has three stalls with six truck capacity and one special stall for the A-W Grader, in which one loader and one small truck can be stored also. The remaining equipment has to be kept in the barn (unheated) except for the large roller, which is kept in an open shed during the Winter.

Without further explanation we feel that there is a need of including the Highway Department in the five year building plan. A new garage with storage facilities for snow plows would expedite our plowing program and allow more efficient work. With a larger sand storage capacity all streets could be sanded in much less time than at present.

In concluding this report we wish to stress that the Board of Road Commissioners and the Highway Department have done their utmost during 1948 to comply with the townspeople's wishes and give the best of service and hope to be able to do the same in the future.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR H. BACHAND, Chairman  
LIONEL DuVAL, Clerk  
ANTHONI CIESLA

Board of Road Commissioners

# Report of the Planning Board

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January 24, 1949.

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

In accordance with the provisions of the general laws we herewith submit the annual report of the Southbridge Planning Board. The aim of this board has been to give every citizens the protection that is due them against the enroachment of their rights by the use of property contrary to the Zoning Laws of the Town. There is a very urgent need to bring the Zoning Laws and Zoning Map up to date as the present one does not contain all the amendments and changes voted upon by the voters since 1941. The work of the Board is considerably handicapped by this lack of new zoning areas. We have conferred with Maynard O. Saunders the Consulting Engineer for the Planning Board of the City of Springfield for data to bring the map up to date. The state law compels us to make a master map plan as there has been no funds to do this work we are requesting a small amount to do the plan piecemeal, a section of the town at a time. A petition was received by the board from businessmen in the central business area for a study of the feasibility of installing parking meters to better control the parking in the areas mentioned. As a result of a survey we are of the opinion that meters may solve the problem, however, it is left to the voters to decide if the meters are wanted. The petition of residents of the Worcester Street in the vicinity of Cady Brook for the study of flood control measures has been referred to the State and we have been informed that some work has been done in connection with the construction of the new highways to Charlton, some dredging was done along the bed of the brook.

The board went along with the voters on the Goddard Street widening and recommended the taking of sixteen feet. We still feel that a new fire alarm is needed and recommend the installation of new equipment to bring the system up to the standards of the fire underwriters. The board is indeed pleased to have been commended by the Registry of Motor Vehicles for its work

in traffic safety. The board held a public hearing on the Everett Street tree removal and the sentiment of the voters was upheld. The officials did not cut down these trees. A program for tree planting will be started with the cooperation of the Town Tree Warden. Bernard L. Raimondo was appointed Investigator for the board and it is surprising to find a large number of violations of the Planning and Zoning Laws, there were taken care of as they were not of a serious nature. The board has on file the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town and any citizen may examine them at any time. We held a public hearing on a petition from the citizens of Worcester Street. The board does not recommend the changes.

The area on Pleasant Street and Hillcrest Avenue was changed from residential to general business. A petition for the approval of the layout of Maple Terrace was approved. The board has met with several committees concerned with providing housing for Veterans. Some progress has been made. Upon receipt of final plans this board will cooperate one hundred per cent. We have recommended the installation of steel signs on several street, namely, Edwards at Hamilton, Marsh Street, Lyons Street, Westwood Hills Area. The board recommended the construction of a sidewalk on the southerly side of Ashland Avenue. There have been several fatalities in this area recently. From the standpoint of public convenience and safety, we believe the residents of private streets are entitled to snow removal services. We recommend this service be rendered on these private streets.

We recommended that land be taken by eminent domain in order to widen Cisco Street so that the members of the Romanian Parish will have a better access to their church. Several health violations were referred to the Board of Health and were remedied.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE S. DUQUETTE,  
BERNARD L. RAIMONDO,  
EDWARD SEREMET,  
MITCHELL KURPOSKA,  
RAOUL GAULIN,

Southbridge Planning Board.

# Report of Town Government Committee

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Southbridge, Mass.

January 24, 1949.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We are submitting herewith the report of the Committee authorized by the Annual Town Meetings of 1947 and 1948 to study possible changes in the Town Government.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA P. BENT, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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January 24, 1949.

To the Voters of the Town of Southbridge:

In accordance with a vote of the annual town meeting of 1947 this committee was appointed by the selectmen to make a study of possible changes in the town government, particularly with regard to adoption of the Town Manager or Representative Town Meeting.

As originally appointed the committee comprised Messers. Ubald Lariviere, A. J. Peloquin, I. E. Pulsifer, A. L. Simonds, and D. P. Bent. By vote of the annual meeting of 1948 Mr.

Mitchell Kurposka and Dr. Arthur Tieri were added to the original group.

Since May, 1947, we have held 21 meetings. During this time we have studied available material on the subject; the by-laws of towns operating with the town manager form; we have consulted with experts in the field; we have met with town boards and departments concerned with the raising and spending of money; and we have discussed the problem as related to our own town government.

In our study the following points have been brought out:

1. There are now over 50 elective officers in our town government responsible directly to the voters.
2. The total annual disbursements of the town are approximately a million dollars exclusive of maturing debt. Of this total the school costs represent between 25% and 30%; welfare approximately 20%; and highway, sewer, park and engineering activities slightly over 20%.
3. In many departments there is a lack of sound, efficient business methods.
4. Due to the organizational set-up there is lack of coordination between the departments.
5. There is lack of long term planning.
6. On the other hand, we believe some departments are exceptionally well run and the Finance Committee represents a fair control over excessive and unwise expenditures.

It is the conclusion of the committee that the greatest opportunity for improved efficiency and economy is in the group of activities comprising public works (highways, sewer, park, cemetery, engineering and construction projects). This is borne out by the fact that expenses of this group represent 20 to 25% of the total.

The establishment of a Department of Public Works would coordinate these activities and contribute to more efficient operation.

The committee unanimously agrees that some change is necessary in our government, also that no system is any better than the officials who operate it.

By a vote of 4-3 the committee does not recommend adoption of the Town Manager Form of Government or Representative Town Meeting but does recommend that the town proceed with the necessary steps to establish a Department of Public Works to include the present highway, sewer, park, cemetery and engineering departments.

ALFRED J. PELOQUIN, Chairman  
MITCHELL KURPOSKA  
UBALD LARIVIERE  
IRVING E. PULSIFER  
ALBERT L. SIMONDS  
ARTHUR TIERI  
DANA P. BENT

# Report of the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library Library Department

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## TRUSTEES

For the Edwards Bequest

Wardell M. Edwards, Chairman

W. Wesley Crawford

Gertrude W. Smith

John O. Martin

For the Town

Oswald J. Laliberte

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Edward Sheehan

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1949:

Monday-Friday — 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday — 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Closed 1949:

January 1

New Year's Day

May 30

Memorial Day

July 4

Independence Day

September 5

Labor Day

November 11

Armistice Day

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

December 26

Monday following Christmas Day

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REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library ends the year 1948 with but a negligible increase in circulation (578) over last year's figures, but with the certainty that its services are receiving increased use by the people of Southbridge. It is especially evident that children and young people are using the library, its books, magazines, pictures, and reference collection, for both pleasure reading and school work. Any visitor entering the library week days during the school year from three-thirty until five and between six-thirty and eight can vouch for that without the aid of verifying statistics. An increase of 2442 in circulation of children's books, the registering of 280 new juvenile borrowers, the congested conditions at the circulation desk, and the crowded reading rooms filled with busy youngsters (sometimes to the dismay of adult patrons, is is feared) all emphasize the need of a larger and separate room for the use of young library users.

A story hour and reading club program inaugurated during the summer by Mary Ann Hazelton, children's librarian, and Jean Small, part time assistant, was apparently much appreciated by both children and parents. The group met Thursday mornings for six weeks with an average attendance of about thirty-five children. The forty-one youngsters enrolled read a total of 391 books. It is felt that this is a very worthwhile part of library activities and it is hoped that a similar program can be carried out in the coming year.

Miss Isabel Planeta, the present children's librarian, visited the public elementary schools the week before and during Book Week with most gratifying results. The eager response of children to an invitation to see, handle, and read good books is one of the most rewarding features of any phase of library service. The possibilities for increasing and improving the library facilities for the children of Southbridge are virtually limitless if space, equipment, and personnel can be made available.

The library staff suffered its usual staff changes during the year of 1948. Miss Gertrude Peloquin resigned from the staff in January and was succeeded by Mrs. David Hobson. Miss Mary Ann Hazelton left in August to be married and Miss Isabel Planeta joined the staff in September as children's librarian. The library has been fortunate in acquiring the services of local people since it has been unable to compete with other cities and towns in obtaining professionally trained personnel.

Following is a table of statistics relating to libraries in town in Massachusetts, similar in size to Southbridge. These statistics have been taken from the 1948 edition of THE AMERICAN LIBRARY DIRECTORY, although the figures are those of 1946. The towns listed are the only ones within the population range of 14,000-19,000 in the directory (with one exception) and were not selected for any other reason. The exception is Webster which was included because of local interest although it has a slightly smaller population.

	Pop.	Vol. in Lib.	Income	Circu- lation
Dedham	15,508	52,550	\$24,490	107,539
Greenfield	15,672	51,382	23,565	149,504
Marlboro	15,154	60,773	15,048	146,664
Milford	15,338	28,777	7,700	38,230
Milton	18,708	58,223	36,223	156,771
Norwood	15,383	32,820	33,157	92,043
Saugus	14,825	28,234	12,183	85,162
Southbridge	16,825	31,170	15,185	94,431
Wakefield	16,223	74,945	30,994	166,814
Webster	13,186	28,497	14,309	60,104
Wellesley	15,127	51,830	24,477	137,451
W. Springfield	17,135	37,790	14,567	80,911
Westfield	18,793	56,413	27,948	169,190
Winchester	15,081	44,797	31,349	148,154
Winthrop	16,768	43,820	20,018	94,859

In 1948, 1612 people registered at the library to borrow books, 598 of whom are new borrowers, the other 1014 are former borrowers whose cards had expired. It is interesting to note that sixty-one non-residents of Southbridge paid one

dollar for the privilege of borrowing books from Jacob Edwards Memorial Library this year, twenty-eight of whom were new registrants. In the last four years, 5,241 people have borrowed books from the library.

For the benefit of those who might like to know just what kinds of books library borrowers read, the following table is shown:

	1946	1947	1948
General works	79	109	130
Philisophy	539	557	605
Religion	229	385	341
Social Science	1,141	908	1,173
Language	186	110	169
Science	618	588	553
Useful arts	2,016	2,062	1,939
Fine arts and recreation	1,893	1,934	2,131
Literature	2,272	2,213	1,920
History	1,501	1,270	1,325
Travel	1,495	1,660	1,592
Biography	2,802	2,647	2,350
Current periodicals	3,264	3,119	3,331
Pamphlets	110	118	103
Total adult non-fiction	18,145	17,680	17,660
Fiction	48,437	45,969	43,900
Foreign books	402	686	799
Adult total	66,984	64,335	62,359
Children's books			
and magazines	27,447	27,106	29,548
Pictures	39	77	110
Grand total	94,431	91,441	92,019

It can be seen that reading in several classes of books has increased noticeably—philosophy, social science, and fine arts, along with the reading of current periodicals. The reading of books in foreign languages (French, Italian, Polish, and Greek) has almost doubled in three years. Books in these language groups are borrowed from the Division of Public Libraries in Boston, and the library has added about a dozen French books to its own collection. Biography reading has

fallen off considerably, but it is still a popular type. Fiction, although it shows a decrease of over 4500 in the past three years, still represents seventy per cent of all adult reading. The decrease in number can be attributed in part to the preponderance of very lengthy novels as exemplified by the 1514 pages of Ben Ames Williams' *HOUSE DIVIDED*, 1067 pages of *REMEMBRANCE ROCK*, by Carl Sandburg, and 1060 pages of Ross Lockridge's *RAINTREE COUNTY*. Statistics show, too, that there were some 300 less fiction titles published in 1948 than in 1947.

It is regretted that it has become necessary to enforce more strictly the law relating to returning books and other library property to the library. A new state law makes it a legal offense to fail to return library materials, and hereafter, if a borrower does not return the book, magazine, picture, or other printed matter, after the usual three card notices and a statement of the law are sent, he will be turned over to the Town Counsel for prosecution. It is unfortunate that a very few delinquent borrowers make this harsh step necessary, but it is pointed out that Town property is involved and must be protected. It is expected that in this busy world, people need reminders about books that they may have temporarily forgotten they borrowed, and they may not stop to realize that other people may want these same books. During the past year, 3627 of these routine card notices for overdue books were sent and over 1000 reserve notices were either sent or telephoned.

The librarian and her staff are still impressed by the friendliness and cooperation of the people in Southbridge as a whole. It is their pleasure to serve these people to the best of their ability.

#### STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of founding	1871
Population served	17,561
Days open during the year	307
Hours open each week	63

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Number of volumes January 1, 1948	31,945
Number of volumes added	1,632
New       1,588)     Including 358 books by gift and	
Replaced   44)     transfer from rental collection	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	359
Number of volumes December 31, 1948	33,218
Number of registered borrowers	5,241
Number of volumes lent for home use	92,019
Largest circulation for one day (November 22)	596
Smallest circulation for one day (December 24)	139
Average circulation per day	299.74

## LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Elaine Van Nostrand
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
General assistant	Gladys Hobson
Children's librarian	Isabel Planeta
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonaventura

## PART TIME STAFF

Phyllis Horne	Natalie Pulsifer	Marçia Small
Dorothy Kimball	Helen Rowley	Barbara St. Martin

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE VAN NOSTRAND

Librarian

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### 1948 Receipts and Expenditures

#### 1949 Budget Estimate

ITEM	1948 Receipts	1948 Ex- penditures	1949 Budget
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c	.... \$12,800.00	....	....
Special (Equipment)	.... 1,000.00	....	....
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Less Refund to E.&D. a/c	.... 13,800.00	....	....
	.... 86.30	....	....
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Transfer to Special Appro.	.... 13,713.70	....	....
	.. 1,000.00	....	....
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Special Appro. Reserve	.... 12,713.70	....	....

ITEM	1948 Receipts	1948 Ex- penditures	1949 Budget
Jan. 1, 1948	\$1,000.00	....	....
1948 Addition	1,000.00	....	....
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	2,000.00	....	....
 MYNOTT FUND			
Bal. Jan 1, 1948	44.83	....	....
Receipts 1948	20.00	....	....
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	64.83	....	....
Disbursements	38.95	....	....
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Bal. Dec. 31, 1948	25.88	....	....
 TRUSTEE FUNDS			
Bal. Jan. 1, 1948	743.17	....	....
Receipts			
Edwards Trusts	4,767.93	....	....
Bradford Trusts	97.36	....	....
Interest Spec. Res.	190.00	....	....
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Operating Balance	5,798.46	....	....



ITEM	1948		1948 Ex-		1949	
	Receipts	penditures	Budget			
302 Light	....	....	....			
303 Water	....	....	....			
304 Supplies	....	....	....			
305 Removal Ashes, etc.	....	....	....			
306 Miscellaneous Expenses	....	....	....			
	....	3,482.77	3,650.00			
MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES						
401) Telephone, Stationery	....	....	....			
402) and postage	....	....	....			
403 Desk and Office Supplies	....	....	....			
404 Audit	....	....	....			
407 Miscellaneous	....	....	....			
	....	435.85	450.00			
351 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	....	142.76	....			
352 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	....	240.10	200.00			
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS						
201) Books	....	2,943.50	3,200.00			
202) Periodicals	....					

ITEM	1948		1948 Ex-		1949	
	Receipts	....	penditures	....	Budget	....
250 BOOK REPAIRS	....	....	155.69	....	250.00	....
EQUIPMENT	....	....	....	....	....	....
501 Furniture & Fixtures	....	....	930.24	....	200.00	....
Totals	....	....	\$18,156.78	....	\$18,350.00	....
Special Appropriation for	....	....	....	....	....	....
Building Repairs & Improvements (A)	....	....	....	....	1,000.00	....
	....	....	....	....	\$19,350.00	....

(A) Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years—at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year.—(Involves Lighting, Heating and Renovation.)

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946, but was granted for 1947 and 1948.

Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

# SUMMARY

	1948		1948		1949	
	Budget Amount	%	Appropriation Amount	%	Expenditures Amount	Budget Amount
Town—Normal Basis	\$12,800.00		\$12,800.00		\$12,800.00	\$13,850.00
Town—Special Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00			1,000.00
Town—Cr. to E & D a/c					86.30	
Trustee Funds	\$13,800.00	77.2	\$13,800.00	77.2	\$12,713.70	\$14,850.00
(Edwards)						
Trustee Funds	\$4,075.00	22.8	\$4,075.00	22.8	*5,404.13	4,500.00
(Mynott)					38.95	
	\$17,875.00	100.0	\$17,875.00	100.0	\$18,156.78	\$19,350.00

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,327.77) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1948 (\$11,385.93) is 62.7% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1949 of \$4,500.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the the town cost will be only 76.7% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 71.6% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded

through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948—all or a part of this amount to be raised by a Bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948, but was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available to adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

\*Difference between appropriation of Trustee funds and 1948 disbursements is accounted for by purchases of equipment ordered in 1947 but not received or billed until 1948.

The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

Approved by Trustees

WARDWELL M. EDWARDS

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Thirty-Third Report  
OF THE  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1948

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RECEIPTS—1948

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## GENERAL REVENUE

## Taxes :

## Current Year :

Poll	11,284.00
Personal	129,756.06
Real Estate	610,506.42
Motor Vehicle Excise	46,502.63
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	798,049.11

## Previous Years :

Poll	2.00
Personal	2,633.46
Real Estate	27,055.86
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,251.24
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	30,942.56

## From State :

Income Tax	65,807.45
Business—Corp. Tax	83,716.15
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	149,523.60

## Licenses and Permits :

## Licenses :

Liquor	14,259.00
Peddlers, Hawkers & Junk	154.50
Sunday Store	147.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	180.00
Pool, Billiard & Bowling	95.00
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	139.00
Auto Dealers	75.00
Auctioneers	4.00

Taxis and Drivers	149.00	
Firearms	79.00	
All Other	51.00	
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		15,332.50
Permits:		
Garage	44.50	
Gas and Motor Oil	17.00	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil		
All Other	121.00	
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		182.50
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Fines		1,400.50
Grants and Gifts:—State		
Vocational & American Education & English Speaking Classes	33,089.03	
George Barden School Fund	350.00	
George Deen School Fund		
Smith-Hughes School Fund	4,730.03	
J. Edwards Memorial Library—Trustees	600.00	
Old Age Assistance		
Meal Tax	3,553.89	
State Boxing Commission		
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		42,322.95
County—Dog Licenses		1,995.56
Highway Aid:		
State and County— Chapter 90		
Contract #10338—County	1,099.55	
Contract #10121—County	485.62	
Contract #10656—County	2,806.87	
Contract #10338—State	1,099.55	
Contract #10121—State	971.21	

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Contract #10656—State	8,817.93	
		15,280.73
Federal—Grants and Gifts :		
Aid to Dependent Children	5,384.62	
Old Age Assistance	66,222.98	
Child Welfare Service—		
Federal	2,100.00	
Child Welfare Service—		
Cities & Towns	780.00	
		74,487.60
Federal Housing Projects in lieu of Taxes		4,130.20
All Other General Revenue :		
Tax Demands	79.10	
Redemption of Deed		
Tax Title Redeemed		
Tax Title Sales		
Sale of Lands—Low Value		
		79.10
Total General Revenue		1,133,726.91

### COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Departmental :		
General Government :		
Selectmen		
Engineer	5.00	
Town Hall Rental	568.22	
		573.22
Total General Government		573.22
Protection of Person & Property :		
Police :		
Station Rental	1,225.00	

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Motorcycles	255.00	
Telephone Toll Calls and All Other	13.55	
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Fire:		
Sale of Old Materials	25.45	
Rental & All Other	363.40	
	<hr/>	388.85
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Sealing Fees of 1947	115.30	
Ambulance Fees	1,475.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
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Total Protection of Persons & Property		3,482.70
Health and Sanitation:		
Contagious Diseases	262.50	
Tuberculosis	1,352.85	
All Other	2.40	
	<hr/>	1,617.75
Sewer Department		
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Total Health and Sanitation		1,617.75
Highways:		
Rental of Equipment	2,106.80	
Re-surfacing of streets		
Snow Removal and Drive- way Oiling		
Sale of Materials	35.19	
	<hr/>	2,141.99
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Total Highways		2,141.99

## Public Welfare and Veterans

## Benefits:

## Benefits:

From Cities and Town	153.39
From State	6,796.47
From Individuals	12.75

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 6,962.61

## Aid to Dependent Children:

 Reimbursements—From  
State

7,109.75

## Old Age Assistance:

 Reimbursements—From  
State

56,908.54

 Reimbursements—From  
Cities & Towns

375.55

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 57,284.09

## Infirmary:

Reimbursements

60.00

## Child Welfare Services:

 Reimbursements—From  
State

 Reimbursements—From  
Cities & Towns

 (See General Revenue—  
Grants & Gifts

Veterans Benefits

5,411.88

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 Total Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits

76,828.33

## Schools &amp; Libraries:

## Schools:

 Tuition—Cole Trade, High  
Elementary Schools &  
Veterans Vocation

25,871.71

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Sale of Books & Supplies	1,411.86	
All Other		
	<hr/>	27,283.57
Libraries:		
Fines and Sales		1,367.74
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Total School & Libraries		28,651.31
Parks:		
Dresser St. Field	711.82	
Alumni Field	50.00	
	<hr/>	761.82
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Total Parks		761.82
Unclassified:		
Airport Rental		
Fire Truck Ins. Reimburse-		
ment	85.00	
All Other	3.00	
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Total Unclassified		88.00
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Total Departmental Revenue		114,145.15

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewers:		
Sewers Added to Taxes	65.46	
Unapportioned Sewers	12,891.50	
Paid in Advance		
	<hr/>	12,956.96
Sidewalks:		
Sidewalks Added to Taxes	244.79	

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Unapportioned Sidewalks	1,503.55
Paid in Advance	

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1,748.34

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Total Assessments Revenue	14,705.30
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## CEMETERIES

Sale of lots & Graves	1,360.00
Graves Opened	835.00
Foundations Installed	33.44

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2,228.44

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Total Cemetery Revenue	2,228.44
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## INTEREST

## General:

On Deferred Taxes	899.52
Tax Titles Redeemed	

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899.52

## Special Assessments:

Sidewalks	22.06
Sewers	23.29

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45.35

On Motor Vehicle Excise	12.08
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## On Trust &amp; Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School	
Children	57.50
Mary Mynott (Library)	20.00
Cemetery Funds (General	
Care)	1,848.39

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1,925.89

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Total Interest Revenue	2,882.84
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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	350,000.00	
Anticipation of Highway Aid Reimb.	2,500.00	
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		352,500.00

## General Loans

## Premiums on Loans

Total Loan Revenue	352,500.00
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## AGENCY, TRUST &amp; INVESTMENT

## Agency:

Dog License Fees—County	1,962.60	
Federal Tax on Employees' Wages	47,895.58	
Blue Cross	3,598.98	
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		53,457.16

## Trust &amp; Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,175.00	
Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
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		4,550.00

Total Agency, Trust & Investment	58,007.16
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## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

## General Departments:

Treasurer	7.20
Engineer (Refund of 1947 Sal- overpayment)	100.00
Engineer Expense	3.45
Town Hall	20.00
Highways—Road Machin- ery Maint.	33.96

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Street Lights	1.50	
Schools — Incl. refund of \$11.58 (1947 Vo: 7226)	16.58	
Schools — Military Retirement Fund	1,546.94	
Teachers Retirement	10.15	
Public Welfare	32.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	96.45	
Old Age Assistance	375.35	
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant	280.65	
Veterans Benefits	181.25	
Pensions (Non-contributory)	238.26	
Dresser St. Field	26.90	
Burial—I. Grapes	100.00	
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		3,070.64
Transfer:		
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Total Refunds & Transfer		3,070.64
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Total Revenue		1,681,266.44
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1948		225,407.66
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		1,906,674.10

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EXPENDITURES—1948

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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## MODERATOR:

Salary	60.00
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Postage & Supplies	16.59
Association Dues	10.00
Stenographic Services	17.25

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43.84

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103.84

## SELECTMEN:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Chairman	550.00
2 Members	900.00
Clerk	1,890.00

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3,340.00

## Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	70.84
Printing and Advertising	144.63
Travel, Mileage, Meals, Etc.	
Telephone	83.05
Office Equipment & Maintenance	26.95
Setting-up and taking down booth	47.00
Association Dues	66.00

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438.47

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3,778.47

## ACCOUNTANT:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Accountant	3,000.00
Clerk	1,151.25
Clerical Assistance	469.55

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4,620.80

## Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Station- ery & Postage	75.40
Binding & Printing	39.68
Telephone	48.79
Equipment & Maintenance	31.45
Association Dues & Travel Expense	128.52
Travel Expenses—Out of state	250.00
All Other	6.50

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580.34

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5,201.14

## TREASURER:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Treasurer	2,400.00
Clerk	1,575.00
Clerical Assistance	95.00

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4,070.00

## Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery & Postage	339.22
Printing & Advertising	64.71
Equipment & Maintenance	60.28
New Office Equipment	98.00
Telephone	54.76
Surety Bonds & Insurance	390.81

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Tax Titles Foreclosures, etc.	258.20	
Certification of Notes & Coupon Expenses	88.40	
Travel Expenses & Dues	32.84	
All Other Including Wildcat Bounty	16.00	
	<hr/>	1,403.22
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		5,473.22

## TAX COLLECTOR:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Collector	3,000.00	
Clerk	1,560.00	
Clerical Assistance	150.00	
	<hr/>	4,710.00

## Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Station- ery & Postage	314.27	
Printing & Advertising	543.55	
Telephone	48.42	
Surety Bonds & Insurance	363.18	
Equipment & Maintenance	8.00	
New Equipment	260.82	
Deputy Collectors' Fees		
Tax Taking & Recording Expenses	16.75	
Association Dues & Travel Expenses	43.30	
Collector's Local Travel	40.00	
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		6,348.29

## ASSESSORS:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Assessors—2 Members	1,100.00
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Clerk of Board	3,000.00	
Clerical Assistance	1,560.00	
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		5,660.00
Other Expenses:		
Supplies, Stationery & Postage	119.78	
Printing, Advertising & Binding	340.75	
Auto Hire & Travel	292.38	
Association Dues	6.00	
Telephone	47.12	
Equipment & Maintenance	57.53	
Registry of Deeds—Abstracts	160.56	
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		1,024.12
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		6,684.12
LAW:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Town Counsel	1,050.00	
Other Expenses:		
Transcribing & Recording Fees	80.40	
Travel Expenses	16.40	
Office Supplies		
Association Dues	10.00	
Telephone	19.60	
Printing & Advertising	38.00	
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		164.40
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		1,214.40
TOWN CLERK:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Town Clerk	1,760.00	

Clerk	660.00	
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## Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery & Postage	258.38	
Printing & Advertising	22.06	
Telephone	102.49	
Surety Bonds & Insurance	30.31	
New Equipment	54.99	
Equipment Maintenance	31.62	
Association Dues & Travel Exp.	25.77	
Miscellaneous	17.00	
	<hr/>	542.62
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		2,962.62

## ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

3 Registrars	300.00	
Clerk of Board	150.00	
Election Officers, Counters & Tellers	2,540.55	
All Other	533.50	
	<hr/>	3,524.05

## Other Expenses—Election:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	218.00	
Printing & Advertising	937.95	
Meals	608.77	
All other	35.03	
	<hr/>	1,799.75

## Other Expenses—Re-listing:

Salaries & Wages:		
Office Clerical	931.05	....

Assistant Registrars	614.95	
		1,546.00
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Supplies & Postage	32.13	
Printing Poll List		
Books 1M	457.56	
Printing	220.50	
New Equipment	54.68	
Equipment & Maintenance	8.00	
Taxi Fares	11.05	
		783.92
		7,653.72
ENGINEERING:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Engineer (\$5200 less \$100 —1947 overpayment)	5,100.00	
Assistant Engineer	3,216.00	
Helpers & Clerical Assistance	3,361.92	
		11,677.92
Office Expenses:		
Office Supplies, Stationery, Postage & Printing	381.31	
New Equipment	252.87	
Office Equipment & Maint	20.00	
Telephone	77.22	
		731.40
Field Expenses:		
Materials & Supplies	114.13	
Mileage & Travel	610.54	

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New Equipment & Main-  
tenance

152.30

All Other

5.20

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882.17

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13,291.49

## TOWN HALL:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Janitor

2,728.00

Helpers

252.50

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2,980.50

## Other Expenses:

Fuel

2,815.81

Lights

736.33

Janitor's Supplies

247.71

Repairs

880.44

Telephone

28.52

Equipment &amp; Maintenance

2.00

Water

127.85

All Other

21.00

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4,859.66

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7,840.16

## PLANNING BOARD:

## Expenses:

Clerical Assistance

4.00

Supplies, Stationery &  
Postage

167.11

Dues &amp; Advertising

10.00

Travel

18.25

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199.36

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199.36

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

## Expense:

Supplies	4.66
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 4.66

## RETIREMENT BOARD:

Administration	1,090.00
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 1,090.00

## BOARD OF APPEALS:

## Expense:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	24.75
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 24.75

Total General Government

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 61,870.24

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPT.:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Chief	3,800.00
Patrolmen	47,799.44
Special Police	5,175.85
Caretaker of Station	1,830.00
Labor—Painting Street Lines	468.80

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 59,074.09

## Equipment &amp; Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	1,431.56
Gas, Oil, Etc.	969.13
Equipment for Men	142.03
Photography & Finger- printing	35.28
Radio Equipment & Main- tenance	323.32

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Additional Equipment	147.00	
		3,048.32
Fuel & Lights:		
Fuel	575.12	
Lights	313.82	
		888.94
Maintenance of Building & Grounds:		
Repairs	226.32	
Janitor's Supplies	167.75	
Water Service	56.95	
Rubbish Removal & All Other	20.60	
		471.62
Officers & Prisoners Ex- penses:		
Officers Travel	23.20	
Matron & Guards	28.50	
Feeding & Medical Care	316.50	
		368.20
Traffic Control:		
Labor (See Salaries & Wages)		
Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.		667.64
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Supplies & Postage	236.00	
Telephone & Police Signals	1,307.37	
Office Equipment & Maint.	10.75	
Association Dues	10.00	

Miscellaneous & Laundry	62.00
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1,626.12

Total Police Department

66,144.93

FIRE DEPT.:

Salaries & Wages:

Chief	3,400.00
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Ass't Chief, Captain &	
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Lieut.	9,099.93
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Permanent Firemen	38,390.06
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Call Men	5,049.84
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Superintendent of Alarms	350.00
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Assistant Clerk of Fire	
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Dept.	100.00
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Other Employees (See	
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Hydrant service)	
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56,389.83

Equipment, New & Additional:

Equipment for Men	493.09
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Accessories & Supplies	285.19
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Shop Equipment	16.43
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794.71

Equipment Maintenance &

Repairs:

Radio Equipment & Main-	
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tenance	141.25
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Apparatus Repairs	150.24
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Gas and Oil	164.92
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Alarm Boxes, etc.	175.44
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Miscellaneous	3.65
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635.50

Hydrant Service:

Shoveling Hydrants	147.76
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Hydrant Service	16,353.34	
	<hr/>	16,501.10
Fuel, Light, Water :		
Fuel	1,348.91	
Light	335.74	
Water	71.14	
	<hr/>	1,755.79
Maintenance of Building & Grounds :		
Repairs	550.95	
Furniture & Furnishings	185.15	
Laundry	99.13	
Janitor's Supplies & All Other	186.36	
	<hr/>	1,021.59
Other Expenses :		
Stationery, Supplies & Postage	358.29	
Telephone	185.31	
Office Equipment & Maint.	39.00	
Travel Expenses, Asso- ciation Dues & Misc.	165.89	
Travel Expenses—Out of State		
Food for Men	11.50	
	<hr/>	759.99
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Total Fire Department		77,858.51
FOREST FIRES :		
Salaries & Wages :		
Warden	200.00	

Fighting Fires	2.00	
Patrolling		
		202.00
Other Expenses:		
Auto Rental—For Fire Patrol		
Gasoline and Oil	56.40	
New Hose	1,057.50	
Apparatus Maintenance & Accessories	78.95	
Materials & Supplies	86.47	
Second Hand Motor	10.00	
		1,289.32
Total Forest Fire		1,491.32
AMBULANCE:		
Repairs & Maint. of Ambulance	186.73	
Gasoline and Oil	136.08	
Ambulance Equipment & Maintenance	150.19	
Drivers Expenses	20.50	
		493.50
Total Ambulance		493.50
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
Salaries & Wages::		
Sealer	1,300.00	
Other Expenses:		
Advertising	11.90	
Materials & Supplies	3.92	
Travel Allowance	300.00	

Equipment & Maintenance	48.25		
		<u>364.07</u>	
Total Sealer of Weights & Measures			1,664.07
DOG OFFICER:			
Salaries & Wages:			
Salary			
Other Expenses:			
Board & Care of Dogs	301.50		
Killing & Destroying	125.00		
		<u>426.50</u>	
			426.50
STREET LIGHTING:			
Street Lights	15,515.70		
Traffic Lights — Central, Hamilton & East Main Streets	32.32		
		<u>15,548.02</u>	
			15,548.02
ANIMAL INSPECTION:			
Salaries & Wages:			
Salary		125.00	
Other Expenses:			
Postage, Supplies, Mileage & Travel		72.97	
		<u>197.97</u>	
			197.97
BUILDING INSPECTOR:			
Salaries & Wages:			
Salary		400.00	

## Other Expenses:

Dues	5.00
Briefcase & Eversharp pencil	8.82
Travel	78.00

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91.82

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491.82

## WIRE INSPECTOR:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Salary	300.00
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## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies & Postage	37.07
Travel Allowance	62.00
Telephone	

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99.07

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399.07

## PLANTING &amp; TRIMMING TREES:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Tree Warden	340.00
Labor	76.50

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416.50

## Other Expenses:

Hardware & Tools	6.02
Tree Fertilizer	11.25
Trees Planted	24.00
Truck Rental	288.00
Materials & Supplies	3.97

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333.24

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749.74

## MOTH EXTERMINATION:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Superintendent	102.00
Labor	118.00

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 220.00

## Other Expenses:

Truck Rental	180.00
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 400.00

Total Protection of Persons  
& Property

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 165,865.45

## HEALTH &amp; SANITATION

## HEALTH:

## General Administration

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Board of Health	330.00
Board Physician	330.00
School Physician	770.00
Agent	550.00
Nurse	1,900.00
Plumbing Inspector	2,300.00
Food & Provisions	
Inspector	110.00
Milk Inspector	205.00
Slaughtering Inspector	385.00
Dentists—Dental Clinic	700.00
Podiatrist	250.00
Clerical Assistance	281.50

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 8,111.50

Other Administrative Ex-  
penses:

Stationery, Supplies & Postage	97.83
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Printing & Advertising	13.12	
Telephone	63.75	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	16.00	
	<hr/>	190.70
Quarantine, Contagious Diseases & Tuberculosis: Board & Care Quarantine Medical Attendance	27.00	
Drugs & Medical Sup- plies	161.36	
Dry Goods & Clothing		
Groceries & Provisions	19.62	
Cash Aid		
Hospitals	89.14	
Cities & Towns		
Miscellaneous	6.43	
Worcester County Sana- torium	2,065.50	
	<hr/>	2,369.05
Vital Statistics:		
Birth Returns	133.75	
Death Returns	36.75	
	<hr/>	170.50
Inspectors' Expenses:		
Plumbing Inspector:		
Association Dues & Travel		207.07
Food & Provisions In- pector:		
Travel		147.30
Milk Inspector:		
Association Dues, Travel, Materials & Supplies		322.02

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Nurse :		
Travel	98.01	
Slaughtering Inspector :		
Travel & Supplies	102.15	
Dental Clinic Supplies	36.57	
Other Expenses :		
Association Dues & Travel	23.85	
Garbage Collection :		
Contract	5,000.00	
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	8,667.22	
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Total Health		16,778.72

## SEWER:

## General Administration:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Commissioners	450.00
Caretaker	2,488.80

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2,938.80

## Administration Expenses:

## Stationery, Supplies &amp;

Postage	14.03
Telephone & Miscellaneous	87.37

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101.40

## General Expenses:

Labor	155.85
Tools & Equipment	51.93
Pipe, Fittings & Supplies	428.08
Manholes Repaired	39.60
Repairs to Sewer Lines	607.70
Miscellaneous	5.78

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1,288.94

## Buildings &amp; Grounds:

Building, Repairs & Ma-  
terials

Fuel and Lights 12.00

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12.00

## Truck, Tractor Maintenance:

Gasoline and Oil &amp; Repairs 146.51

Repairs 151.44

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297.95

Total Sewer Maintenance

4,639.09

Total Health and Sanitation

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21,417.81

## HIGHWAYS, SNOW &amp; ICE

## General Administration:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Commissioners 600.00

Superintendent 3,000.00

Timekeeper Clerk 2,912.47

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6,512.47

## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies &amp;

Postage 84.47

Telephone 175.89

All Other 55.56

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315.92

## General Maintenance:

Labor 22,819.95

Truck Hire

Equipment Rental 24.50

General Equipment &amp;

Repairs 484.34

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Crushed Stone, Gravel, Etc.	5,272.13	
Tarvia, Road Oil, Etc.	8,694.85	
Other Materials & Sup- plies	1,973.77	
First Aid Supplies	31.87	
All Other	131.95	
	<hr/>	39,433.36
New Road Machinery :		
New Equipment—CH&E 3 Ton Roller	1,995.00	
V Type Plow & Snow Wing	1,683.41	
Advertising	12.00	
	<hr/>	3,690.41
Road Machinery Maintenance :		
Repairs & Maintenance	5,525.14	
Gas, Oil, Etc.	2,868.36	
All Other	140.03	
	<hr/>	8,533.53
Building & Grounds :		
Maintenance & Repairs	129.58	
Fuel, Lights & Water	597.03	
Equipment & Maintenance	8.87	
All Other	.96	
	<hr/>	736.44
	<hr/>	59,222.13
Town Dump & Rubbish Collection :		
Labor—Town Dump	1,560.00	
Rental of Town Dump	125.00	
Bulldozer Rental	108.50	

Rubbish Collection—		
Labor—Contract	2,706.93	
Advertising & Signs	21.75	
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		4,522.18
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		4,522.18
Snow & Ice:		
Labor & Timekeeper		
Clerk	11,117.96	
Truck, Shovel & Bull-		
dozer Rental	9,482.01	
Gasoline & Oil	236.74	
Cl. Chloride, Salt & Sand	1,288.07	
Food & Meals	238.45	
Tools & Equipment	410.81	
Snow Fences	313.13	
Country Roads	649.75	
All Others	8.50	
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		23,745.42
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		23,745.42
Total Highways, Dump, Rub-		
bish & Snow & Ice		<hr/>
		87,489.73
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
State and County Aid #11238:		
Woodstock Road:		
Labor		608.24
Old Woodstock Road:		
Labor	109.25	
Materials & Supplies	213.06	
Truck Hire	33.20	
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		355.51

## River Road:

Labor	173.77	
Materials & Supplies	191.89	
Truck Hire	57.20	
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		422.86

## Dudley Road &amp; East Main St.:

Labor	355.94	
Materials & Supplies	302.28	
Truck Hire	93.50	
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		751.72

## Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	275.68	
Materials & Supplies	528.99	
Truck Hire	65.60	
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		870.27

## Eastford Road:

Labor	86.02	
Materials & Supplies	171.87	
Truck Hire	33.30	
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		291.19

Chapter 90 Total	<hr/>	3,299.79
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Total Highways		<hr/> 90,789.52
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## CHARITIES &amp; VETERANS BENEFITS

## PUBLIC WELFARE:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Board	1,200.00	
Supervisor	500.00	
Clerk	763.00	
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		2,463.00

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General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies & Postage	137.92
Telephones	147.46
Mileage & Travel Allow- ance	95.27
Office Equipment & Main- tenance	14.34
Miscellaneous	19.00

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413.99

## General Relief:

Groceries & Provisions	5,968.91
Fuel & Lights	1,363.30
Medicine & Medical At- tendance	3,098.43
Hospital Care	1,780.00
Rent	919.00
Clothing	261.60
Cash Grants	8,913.60
Board & Care (Local)	1,739.50
Private Institutions	1,059.27
State Institutions	2,229.90
Household Furniture & Moving	
Burials	115.00
Miscellaneous	

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27,448.51

## Relief by Other Cities &amp; Towns:

Cities	1,282.00
Towns	513.91

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1,795.91

## Truck Expenses:

Gas & Oil	123.72
Repairs & Maintenance	253.76

Registration	2.00	
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379.48

Total General Relief		32,500.89
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## Aid to Dependent Children:

## Town Appropriation:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Supervisor	600.00
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Clerk	195.85
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795.85

## Administration:

Cash Grants	10,296.24
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11,092.09

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

## Federal Grants:—Administration:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Supervisor
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Clerk
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## Other Expenses:

Travel Expenses	21.75
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Stationery, Supplies & Postage	10.13
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31.88

## Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	10,920.81
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10,952.69

Total Aid to Dependent Children	
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22,044.78

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 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Federal Grants—Administration:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Supervisor—See Town Ap-  
propriation Section

Social Worker 1,203.50

Clerk 83.07

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 1,286.57

## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies &amp;

Postage 152.12

Travel Allowance &amp; All

Other 34.58

Telephone 14.30

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 201.00

## Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants 54,944.86

Cities &amp; Towns 940.22

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 55,885.08

Total Old Age Assistance—

Federal Grant

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 57,372.65

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Town Appropriation:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Board

Supervisor 1,900.00

Clerks 675.61

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 2,575.61
Administration—(See Federal  
Grants)

## Relief Expenses :

Cash Grants	94,944.38
Cities & Towns	651.03

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95,595.41

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Total Old Age Assistance

98,171.02

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES:

## General Administration :

## Salaries &amp; Wages :

Supervisor	2,850.00
Clerk	1,590.00

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4,440.00

## Office Expenses :

## Stationery, Supplies &amp;

Postage	78.75
Telephone	89.04
Equipment & Maintenance	8.00

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175.79

## Field Expenses :

Mileage & Travel	493.86
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Total Child Welfare Services

5,109.65

## INFIRMARY:

## Salaries &amp; Wages :

Superintendent	1,900.00
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## Other Expenses :

Groceries & Provisions	3,654.56
Clothing & Household	
Furnishings	143.44
Buildings & Maintenance	785.17
Fuel, Light, Water	1,114.45

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Hospital, Medical Care &	
Supplies	733.62
Telephone and All Other	191.94
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	6,623.18

Total Infirmary	8,523.18
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#### VETERANS BENEFITS:

##### General Administration:

##### Salaries & Wages:

Salary	1,125.00
Clerk	

##### Other Expenses:

##### Stationery, Supplies &

Postage	9.48
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Travel & Mileage	136.07
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Telephone	31.96
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171.51

##### Relief Expenses:

Fuel & Light	222.22
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Groceries & Provisions	612.93
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Cash Grants & Rent	9,463.19
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Clothing & Hospital Care	810.38
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Medicine & Medical At-	
tendance	1,885.33

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12,994.05

##### Veterans' Burials:

Veterans' Organizations	220.00
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Total Veterans Benefits	14,516.56
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#### VETERANS SERVICES:

##### Salaries & Wages:

Supervisor	1,875.00
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Assistant Supervisor  
Clerk

1,560.00

3,435.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies, Post-  
age & Printing

246.94

Mileage & Travel

25.02

Telephone

219.56

Dues & All Others

8.00

499.52

Total Veterans Services

3,934.52

Total Charities & Veterans  
Benefits

242,173.25

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

GENERAL CONTROL:

Salaries & Wages:

150 Superintendent

6,595.44

156 Superintendent's  
Clerk

2,592.11

157 Extra Clerical

120.00

401 Attendance Officer

395.29

103 School Census

249.55

9,952.39

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies

227.55

180 Printing

126.15

181 Travel

67.14

181-A Auto Expense

264.73

181-B Supervisors Travel

10.00

182 Telephone

102.48

182-A Books, Periodicals  
& Postage

306.17

182-B Equipment & Maintenance	284.80
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1,389.02

Total General Control	11,341.41
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## HIGH SCHOOLS:

## Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	5,071.41
225 Principal's Clerk	1,878.08
226 Extra Clerical	
240 Teachers	72,706.85
245 Substitute Teachers	868.00

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80,524.34

## Instruction Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel	239.03
211 Research Activities	
235 Printing, Supplies & Postage	175.36
250 Text & Reference Books	1,668.33
270 Supplies	3,107.98
283 Supplementary Books	91.49
290 Commencement Ex- penses	239.95
660 Instructional Appa- ratus & Equip.	281.58

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5,803.72

## Operation of Plant:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

501 Janitors' Salaries	7,013.79
501-A Extra Helpers	37.88

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7,051.67

## Other Expenses:

510 Janitors Supplies	837.98	
520 Fuel	3,107.34	
530 Water	245.06	
540 Gas & Electricity	1,201.90	
565 Telephone	120.17	
Drayage	74.01	
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		5,586.46

## Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds		
620 Buildings	127.02	
640 Service Systems	395.44	
680 Other Expenses	33.10	
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		555.56

## Capital Outlay:

930 Building Alterations & Additions	92.63	
(See Spec. Accts— New Construction)		
965 New Furnishings		
975 Instructional Appa- ratus	275.18	
985 Other Expenses		
985-A Draw Sash— Painting, etc.	299.50	
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		667.31

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Total High School	100,189.06
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## High School Evening:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

220 Director's Salary	72.00
240 Teachers	576.00
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648.00

Operation of Plant:		
501 Janitor's Salary	492.00	
520 Fuel	200.00	
540 Gas & Electricity	163.18	
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		855.18
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Total High School Evening		1,503.18
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:		
Instruction Salaries:		
Salaries & Wages:		
210-A Writing Service	840.00	
240 Teachers	115,308.43	
245 Substitute Teachers	3,119.38	
245-A Teachers' Courses		
226 Extra Clerical		
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		119,267.81
Instruction Expenses:		
210 Supervision Travel	360.63	
235 Printing	10.50	
250 Text & Reference		
Books	3,178.92	
270 Supplies	5,083.73	
283 Supplementary Books	74.82	
660 Instruction Apparatus		
& Equip.	279.98	
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		8,988.58
Operation of Plant:		
Salaries and Wages:		
501 Janitor's Salaries	12,088.41	
501-A Extra Helpers	254.01	
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		12,342.42
Other Expenses:		
510 Janitors' Supplies	2,566.51	

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520 Fuel	6,695.34	
530 Water	176.89	
540 Gas & Electricity	2,094.09	
565 Telephone	293.31	
580 Drayage	84.74	
		11,910.88

## Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	154.97	
620 Building	735.04	
640 Service Systems	1,345.14	
680 Other Expenses	45.66	
		2,280.81

## Capital Outlay:

930 Building Alterations & Additions	154.44	
965 New Furnishings		
975 Instructional Appa- ratus	464.29	
985 Other Expenses		
985-A Draw Sash— Painting, etc.		
		618.73

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Total Elementary Schools	155,409.23
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## ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOLS:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

220 Director's Salary	206.50	
240 Teachers' Salaries	1,349.50	
		1,556.00

## Instruction Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel	11.37
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250 Text & Reference		
Books		
270 Supplies	24.72	
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		36.09
Operation of Plant:		
501 Janitor's Salary		
520 Fuel	417.59	
540 Gas & Electricity	50.00	
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		467.59
Total Elementary Evening School		2,059.68
DOMESTIC SCIENCE:		
Salaries & Wages:		
240 Teachers' Salaries		
Other Expenses:		
250 Text & Reference		
Books		
270 Supplies		
660 Instructional Apparatus		
975 Capital Outlay		
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Total Domestic Science		
CONTINUATION SCHOOLS:		
Salaries & Wages:		
240 Teachers' Salaries		60.00
Other Expenses:		
250 Text & Reference		
Books		
270 Supplies	23.20	
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		23.20
Total Continuation School		83.20

## HOUSEHOLD ARTS:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

240 Teachers' Salaries	5,252.07
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## Other Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel	12.16
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250 Text & Reference	
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Books	25.02
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270 Supplies	330.73
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660 Instructional Appa- ratus	75.65
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965 New Furniture	184.85
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975 Capital Outlay	29.03
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657.44

Total Household Arts

5,909.51

## AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

## Pupils:

313 Transportation of Pupils	13,724.77
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360 Tuition to Other Schools	658.76
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14,383.53

## Medical Services:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

402 Physician	1,761.54
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404 Nurse	2,794.15
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4,555.69

## Other Expenses:

210 Travel for Nurse	116.05
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270 Supplies	
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405 Telephone	157.82
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405-A Miscellaneous & Supplies	84.65	
		358.52
Total Auxiliary Agencies		19,297.74
VISUAL AIDS:		
Salaries & Wages:		
240 Teachers' Salaries		120.00
Other Expenses:		
270 Supplies	41.93	
660 Instructional Apparatus		
965 Furnishings		
975 Equipment (New)		
		41.93
Total Visual Aids		161.93
MILITARY RETIREMENT FUND		2,208.56

COLE TRADE SCHOOLS:

General Control:		
Salaries & Wages:		
220 Director	5,002.31	
225 Director's Clerk	2,178.95	
226 Assistant Clerk	1,743.60	
		8,924.86
Other Expenses:		
210 Director's Travel	61.77	
235 Printing, Supplies,		
Postage	206.64	
565 Telephone	207.53	

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290 Commencement Ex- pense	87.70	
		563.64
Instruction Salaries:		
240 Teachers	52,099.07	
245-A-Substitute Teachers	20.00	
		52,119.07
Instruction Expenses:		
250 Text & Reference Books	253.14	
270 Supplies	3,601.09	
660 Instructional Appa- ratus	662.07	
		4,516.30
Operation of Plant:		
Salaries & Wages:		
501 Janitors	3,341.94	
501-A Extra Helpers	47.26	
		3,389.20
Other Expenses:		
510 Janitor's Supplies	391.63	
520 Fuel	2,103.23	
530 Water	118.08	
540 Gas & Electricity	668.16	
580 Drayage	523.37	
		3,804.47
Maintenance of Plant:		
601 Grounds	9.53	
620 Buildings	131.61	
640 Service Systems	490.53	
680 Other Expenses		
		631.67

## Capital Outlay :

930 Building Alterations & Additions	66.13	
965 New Furnishings		
975 Instructional Appa- ratus	872.75	
985 Other Expenses		
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		938.88

Total Cole Trade School 74,888.09

COLE TRADE SCHOOL  
EVENING EXTENSION

## Instruction Salaries :

## Salaries &amp; Wages :

220 Director's Salary	100.00	
225 Clerk	80.00	
226 Assistant Clerk		
240 Teachers	2,046.39	
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		2,226.39

## Instruction Expenses :

235 Principal's Office Sup- plies		
270 Supplies	367.25	
250 Books		
660 Instructional Appa- ratus	5.00	
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		372.25

## Operation of Plant :

501 Janitor's Salaries	207.00
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## Other Expenses :

510 Janitors Supplies	11.02
520 Fuel	100.00
540 Gas & Electricity	110.91
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221.93

## Capital Outlay:

975 Instructional Apparatus	85.52	
Total Cole Trade School Evening Extension		3,113.09

## CONTINGENCY FUND:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

156 Superintendent's Clerk	
501 Janitors	

## Other Expenses:

601 Drainage—West St.	
270 Materials & Supplies	354.99
930 Petitions	
985 Capital Outlay	
250 Text & Reference Books	
520 Fuel	503.75
620 Buildings	1,151.40
640 Service Systems	288.00
660 Instructional Apparatus	
965 New Furnishings	178.76
313 Transportation	
	2,476.90

Total Contingency Fund	2,476.90
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Total Schools from Town Appropriations	378,641.58
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## SMITH HUGHES FUND:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

240 Continuation Classes	
240 Household Art Classes	278.27
240 Vocational Classes	4,292.43

240 Vocational Evenings Classes	59.61	
		4,630.31
Total Smith Hughes Fund		4,630.31
GEORGE BARDEN FUND:		
Salaries & Wages:		
240 Vocational	100.00	
240 Practical Arts	45.00	
240 Evening	279.00	
210 Travel	54.00	
		478.00
Total George Barden Fund		478.00
Total Schools Expenditures from Town Appropriations, Smith Hughes, George Deen and George Barden Funds		383,749.89

## LIBRARY

## JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Salaries & Wages:		
101 Librarian	2,666.60	
103 Assistants	5,427.93	
150-51 Janitors	2,125.00	
		10,219.53
Books & Periodicals:		
201 Books	1,857.44	
202 Periodicals	413.47	
		2,270.91
Binding:		
250 Books & Periodicals		75.39

## Fuel &amp; Lights:

301 Fuel	508.93	
302 Lights		
	<hr/>	508.93

## Buildings:

350 Repairs	6.70	
501 Furniture & Furnish- ings		
304-06 All Other	41.62	
	<hr/>	48.32

## Other Expenses:

402-03 Stationery, Supplies & Postage and Print- ing & Advertising		190.62
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Total Libraries from Town Appropriations	13,313.70
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Library Expenditures from  
Trust Funds:Mary Mynott Fund (See  
Agency, Trust and In-  
vestment)Other Trust Funds (See  
Library Trustees Report)

Total Schools & Libraries	<hr/> 397.063.59
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## RECREATION &amp; UNCLASSIFIED

## RECREATION:

## Parks:

Labor	409.00	
Supplies		
Loam & Seed		
	<hr/>	409.00

## Playgrounds :

Instructors' Salaries	2,926.50	
Travel Expenses	1.00	
Equipment & Maintenance	11.75	
Materials & Supplies	799.26	
Sports, Games, Sets, Etc.	217.30	
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		3,955.81

## World War Memorial :

Labor	221.50	
Materials & Supplies	.89	
Trees & Spraying	120.00	
Water & Lights	19.55	
All Other	28.50	
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		390.44

Swimming Pool Operation &  
Maint. Acct :

## Instruction Salaries :

Lifeguards & Instructors	1,788.50	
Equipment & Maintenance	15.06	
Grounds, Bldgs., & All		
Other	73.49	
Material & Supplies	102.05	
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		1,979.10

## Municipal Athletic Field :

Caretaker	873.00	
Ass't Caretakers	489.00	
Labor	62.00	
Power Mower, Sulke, Filing		
Cabinet, Batters Cage		
& Score Board	1,293.15	
Truck Expense	5.45	
Materials & Supplies	999.85	
Fuel, Light & Water	179.36	
Maintenance of Bldgs. &		
Grounds	343.61	

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Moving Equipment & Maintenance	267.15	
All Other & Advertising	6.88	
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		4,519.45
World War II Honor Roll:		
Electric Lighting	83.79	
Repairs	21.50	
Wreaths & Landscaping	96.85	
Materials & Supplies	123.37	
Insurance	15.00	
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		340.51
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Total Recreation		11,594.31
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Damage to Persons & Property	473.85	
Memorial Day Celebration	400.00	
Armistice Day Celebration	300.00	
Printing Town & Finance Committee Reports:		
Town Reports (1000)	1,093.70	
Finance Reports (2500)	543.90	
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		1,637.60
Pensions (Non-Contributory)	8,688.64	
Insurance:		
Fire Insurance:		
Buildings & Contents	7,679.69	
Fire, Theft & Collision—Automotive Equip.	1,825.43	
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		9,505.12

## Indemnity Insurance:

Automotive Equipment Liability	1,870.79
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Workmen's Compensation & Public Liability Including Previous Year's	
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Audit	3,993.51
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Boiler Explosion Liability	260.90
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Buildings Liability	202.89
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Airport Liability	48.88
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6,376.97

Town Clock	631.89
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Town Manager or Repr. Form of Government	22.00
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Water & Ice	490.23
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## Outstanding Bills of Previous Years:

Town Hall	39.60
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Infirmery	14.77
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Veterans' Benefits	574.30
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Public Welfare	45.00
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Town Dump	125.00
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Tree Warden	11.00
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Parks	9.10
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818.77

Total Unclassified	29,345.07
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Total Recreation & Unclassified	40,939.38
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## CEMETERY

## OAK RIDGE CEMETERY:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Superintendent	416.66
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Labor	4,308.85
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4,725.51

## Other Expenses:

Loam & Fertilizer, Etc.	179.23	
Flowers & Trees	61.05	
Markers	37.50	
Equipment, Maintenance & Tools	119.06	
Team Hire	180.00	
Snow Removal	70.00	
Gasoline & Oil	36.97	
Materials, Supplies & All Other	174.87	
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		858.68

## Cemetery Improvement Account:

Labor		
Supplies & Materials	34.73	
Stanley Trimmer & Oman Generator	453.70	
Equipment Rental	765.00	
Loam	1,876.50	
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		3,129.93

Total Cemetery 8,714.12

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Oliver Street Sidewalk:		
Advertising	14.00	
Beecher Street Sewer:		
Sewer Purchase	477.84	
Rogers Street Sewer:		
Sewer Purchase	541.16	
Lyons Street Sewer:		
Sewer Purchase	104.48	
Forest Avenue Sewer: (To Maple Terrace)		
Advertising	14.00	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.	3,006.30	
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		3,020.30

## West Street Sewer :

(From A. Blair to Beech  
St. Sewer)

Advertising 14.00

Contract—Frank J.  
Shields, Inc. 6,970.00

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 6,984.00

## Dresser Street Athletic Field :

Committee Expense—Sup-  
plies 4.98

## Construction of Field House :

Advertising 14.00

Architectural Fees 400.00

Contract— H. U. Bails  
Sons, Inc. 23,670.25

All Other 12.75

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 24,097.00

## Grading &amp; Drainage :

Contract—Atlas Con-  
struction 2,541.20Extra—Turf stripping  
& relaying 282.00

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 2,823.20

## Baseball Diamond Construction

Atlas Landscape 680.11

## Grandstand &amp; Bleachers :

Grandstand 11,386.86

Portable Bleachers 10,117.80

Removing of 2 dugouts 100.00

New Dugouts 456.15

Drainage & Filling under  
grandstand 495.34

Pump &amp; Water Buler 56.39

Electric Lights	1.00	
		22,613.54
Fencing & Gate :		
Contract—Cyclone Fence		
Div.	5,709.91	
Extra	119.60	
		5,829.51
Total Dresser St. Athletic Field		56,048.34
Eastford Road—Chapter 90		
Construction Contract		
No. 10656 (1947)		
Supervision		
Labor	2,114.61	
Truck Hire	892.75	
Equipment Hire	3,507.50	
Materials & Supplies	1,311.31	
		7,826.17
Brickyard Road Bridge—		
Chapter 90 Construction		
Contract No. 10121 (1946)		
Contract—Frank J.		
Shields, Inc.	1,865.61	
Eastford Road—Chapter 90		
Construction—Con-		
tract No. 11335 (1948)		
Advertising		22.85
Dennison Road Resurfacing :		
(Lataille's Farm to Eastford		
Rd.) (Cont'd '47)		
Labor	708.65	
Gravel	217.48	
Materials & Supplies	2,224.81	
Truck Hire	300.30	

All Other	20.05	
		3,471.29
Everett Street Resurfacing:		
(Main St. to Elm St.)		
Advertising	63.00	
Contract—F. J. Shields, Inc.	31,207.16	
		31,270.16
West Street Resurfacing:		
(From South St., Southerly 1.3 miles)		
Labor	1,800.01	
Truck Hire	2,698.50	
Materials & Supplies	2,166.91	
Shovel Rental	1,899.75	
Bulldozer Rental	608.00	
Gravel	713.75	
		9,886.92
Blackmore Road Widening:		
Labor	79.20	
Equipment Rental	286.50	
Gravel	134.00	
		499.70
Dean, Benefits & Lens Streets Curbing		
Labor	572.18	
Stone & Gravel	548.27	
Road Oil	119.56	
		1,240.01
Charlton St. Storm Drain (Mechanic St. Easterly to Cady Brook 325 ft.)	14.00	

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Contract—Ciesla Bros	1,286.00	
		1,300.00
Dean Brook Bridge:		
(Sewer Plant)		
Advertising		21.00
Nuisance Brook Account:		
(Under Edwards Building)		
Trahan Bros.		250.00
Marcy St. School Alterations:		
(Continued from 1947)		
Carpentry Contract—H. U.		
Bails & Sons, Inc.		2,400.00
Town Hall Alterations, Re-		
pairs & Survey:		
(Continued from 1947)		
Kennedy Electric		
Emergency Lights	436.04	
Norman Leblanc		
Second Set-Tub & Sink	35.00	
		471.04
Land Damages Acct.—		
Chap. 90 Work		
M. Duhamel		150.00
Goddard Ct. Land Damages:		
Appraisal & Recording		
Fees	89.60	
Damages & Land Taking		
McKinstry Ice Co. and		
A. St. Onge, Attorney	3,000.00	
P. & V. Caplette & A. St.		
Onge, Attorney	12,000.00	
		15,089.60

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 Alumni Field Purchase:

Trustees of Alumni Field	4,620.00
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## Veterans' Graves:

Maintenance	250.00
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Flags & Markers	45.90
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 295.90

Total Special Appropriation	147,870.37
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## INTEREST &amp; MATURING DEBT

## INTEREST:

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	1,785.28
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## General Loans:

School Bonds	1,790.00
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County TB Hospital Loan	363.36
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Airport	225.00
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Hamilton & Main Sts	
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Paving	240.00
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South St. Paving	300.00
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Worcester St. Sewer	350.00
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 3,268.36

Total Interest	5,053.64
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## MATURING DEBT:

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	250,000.00
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## General Loans:

School Bonds	10,000.00
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County TB Hospital Dis-	
trict	5,300.00

Airport	15,000.00
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Hamilton & Main Sts.	
Paving	8,000.00
South St. Paving	6,000.00
Worcester St. Sewer	7,000.00
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	51,300.00

Total Maturing Debt	<hr/> 301,300.00
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Total Interest & Maturing Debt	<hr/> 306,353.64
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### AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

#### AGENCY:

State Tax	
State Auditing Tax	643.84
State Parks & Reservations	
Tax	1,180.08
State Examination—Re-	
tirement System	448.59
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	2,272.51

County Tax	36,138.72
County TB Hospital Main-	
tenance	19,638.37
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	55,777.09

Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,951.80
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Federal Withholding Tax	49,968.23
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Blue Cross	3,588.98
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#### TRUST & INVESTMENT

Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Fund	1,175.00

Pensions & Retirement Fund	10,843.85
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#### Other Permanent Trusts:

Ella M. Cole (Needy	
School Children	92.12

Mary Mynott( Library)	38.95	
		131.07
Investment Funds:		
U. S. War Bonds		
Post War Rehabilitation		
Interest		
Invested	2,531.25	
Total Agency, Trust & Investment		128,239.78
Refunds:		
Taxes—Poll—Real Estate	199.51	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	807.44	
		1,006.95
State Teachers Retirement	10.15	
Blue Cross	10.00	
Ambulance Refunds	27.50	
Engineering Salaries	100.00	
Sewer Assessments	225.00	
		372.65
Total Refunds & Transfers		1,379.60
Total Payments for 1948		1,612,676.75
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1948		293,997.35
		1,906,674.10

## LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

December 31, 1948

Highways	\$13.64	
Town Hall	156.00	
Dog Officer	35.65	
Municipal Athletic Field		
Maintenance	262.50	
Public Welfare	88.00	
Child Welfare	33.42	
		\$589.21
		\$589.21

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER,  
Town Accountant

TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE  
BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1948

GENERAL ACCOUNTS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
ASSETS			
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
In Banks and Office	\$293,997.35	In Anticipation of Revenue	\$100,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		1948	
Taxes:		In Anticipation of	
Levy of 1948	37,452.34	Reimbursements	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1948	918.91	Federal Taxes Withheld	\$102,500.00
Special Assessments:		Trust and Investments Funds Income:	4,538.01
Unapportioned Sewer, 1947	\$110.20	Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$31.27
Unapportioned Sewer, 1948	7,276.90	Ella M. Cole Fund,	
Sewer Added to Taxes, 1948	599.49	Needy School Children	260.71
Committed Interest on Sewer		Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund	11.29
Added to Taxes, 1948	32.48	Mary Mynott, Library Fund	25.88
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	843.75
	8,019.07		
			\$1,172.90

Tax Titles	\$2,317.59		Vocational Education Grants:	215.00
Tax Possessions	2,604.13		George-Barden Fund	10.80
			Dog Licenses—Due County	1,363.00
			Sale of Cemetery Lots—Graves Fund	2,782.73
			Machinery Rental Fund	206.34
			Tailings	
Departmental:			Federal Grants:	
Police	\$25.00		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Fire	2.00		Administration	\$335.84
Ambulance	1,503.50		Aid	2,211.89
Health	1,112.43			
Highway	2,044.25		Old Age Assistance:	
Temporary Aid	2,045.79		Administration	1,152.24
Aid to Dependent Children	2,351.91		Assistance	5,517.73
Old Age Assistance	3,211.28			
Veterans Benefits	6,709.05			9,217.70
Veterans Burials	220.00			
School	1,071.60		Appropriation Balances:	
Airport Rental	500.00		Selectmen—Salaries	\$130.00
Athletic Field	40.38		Board of Appeals	75.25
Cemetery	900.00		By-Laws Revision	95.34
			Town Government Survey	171.06
			Town Hall Vault	179.52
			Town Hall Survey and Repairs	1,241.80
			Sewer Plant Investigation	2,500.00
			Worcester St. Sewer	20,922.60
Aid to Highways:		21,737.19		
State	\$15,782.07			

# ASSETS

County 10,043.13

Underestimates, 1948:

State Park and  
Reservations Tax \$173.11  
County Tax 4,371.65  
Tuberculosis Hospital  
Assessment 4,007.85

Overlay Deficit:

Levy of 1946 2.00

Revenue, 1949—Appropriations Voted  
in 1948 to be Raised in 1949 183.75

Overdrawn Account:

Highways—Chap. 90 Construction 6,339.59

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Meadowbrook Road Drain 1,050.15  
New Highway Equipment 2,185.59

25,825.20

Everett St. Widening  
and Resurfacing 729.84

West St. Widening  
and Resurfacing 113.08

Chapter 90 Construction—  
Eastford Road 5,727.15

Dennison Road Reconstruction 842.79

Cisco Street Land Damages 150.00

Goddard Court Land Damages 7,060.40

Oliver Street Sidewalk 701.00

Airport Maintenance 500.00

Dean Brook Bridge 1,979.00

River St. School Grading 500.00

Library Alterations 2,000.00

Insurance 675.91

Swimming Pool Repairs 3,000.00

Bills of Previous Years 53.75

Cemetery Improvements 675.22

53,259.45

Sewer Assessment Reserve	16,950.44
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	29,813.57
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1948	10,244.92
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	\$918.91
Special Assessments	8,019.07
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	4,921.72
Departmental	21,737.19
Aid to Highways	23,325.20

Surplus Revenue	58,922.09
	116,752.78
	<u>\$407,949.73</u>
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# DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments—  
Not Due

\$196.38

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1949  
Due in 1950  
Due in 1951

\$65.46  
65.46  
65.46

# ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

<u>\$196.38</u>	<u>\$196.38</u>
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### DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Dept	\$179,000.00	Street Pavement Loans	\$48,000.00
		Airport Construction Loan	15,000.00
		Sewer Loan	28,000.00
		Eastford Road and West St. School Loan	48,000.00
		Northern District Elementary School Loan	40,000.00

<u>\$179,000.00</u>	<u>\$179,000.00</u>
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### TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds,  
Cash and Securities:  
In Custody of Treasurer  
In Custody of Trustees

	In Custody of Treasurer:	
\$246,669.24	Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$1,403.09
4,868.92	Ella M. Cole Fund	
	for Needy School Children	3,000.00
	Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund	421.61
	Mary Mynott Library Fund	1,000.00
	Cemetery General Care Funds	25,000.00

Cemeter Perpetual Care Funds	51,752.45
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	164,092.09
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	\$246,669.24
In Custody of Trustees: Bradford Library Fund	4,868.92
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	\$251,538.16
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## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Contributory Retirement Funds,  
Cash and Securities

Annuity Savings Fund	\$66,971.77
Annuity Reserve Fund	3,631.14
Pension Fund	19,111.03
Military Service Fund	1,209.51
Expense Fund	296.08
Undistributed Income	1,924.53
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	\$93,144.06
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TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE  
FIXED DEBT RECORD  
December 31, 1948

	Eastford Rd. & West St. School 1933	Charlton St. School 1938	Airport 1945	Hamilton & Main Sts. 1946 Resurfacing	Worcester St. Sewer Loan 1947	South St. Resurfacing 1947	Amount Due Annually
	\$152,490.00	\$80,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$41,600.00	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	
1949	.....	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	46,000.00
1950	.....	4,000.00	.....	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1951	.....	4,000.00	.....	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1952	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	7,000.00	6,000.00	23,000.00
1953	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1954	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1955	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1956	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1957	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00
1958	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00
	48,000.00	40,000.00	15,000.00	24,000.00	28,000.00	24,000.00	179,000.00

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# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses	Balance To Revenue Forwarded Or Overlay to 1949 Accounts
General Government:							
Moderator	60.00	.....	60.00	60.00	.....	60.00	.....
Finance Committee	100.00	.....	100.00	43.84	.....	43.84	56.16
Selectmen—Salaries—							
Current Year	3,340.00	.....	3,340.00	3,340.00	.....	3,340.00	.....
Selectmen—Salaries—							
'48 Adjustment	130.00	.....	130.00	.....	.....	.....	130.00
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Town Hall Expense		.....	.....	438.47	300.00	738.47	261.53
Accountant—Salaries	4,560.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund		60.80	4,620.80	4,620.80	.....	4,620.80	.....
Accountant—Expense	500.00	..	500.00	330.34	.....	330.34	169.66
Account—Out of State							
Travel	250.00	....	250.00	250.00	.....	250.00	.....
Treasurer—Salaries	3,960.00	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Treas. Expense		110.00	4,070.00	4,070.00	.....	4,070.00	.....
Treasurer Expense	1,800.00				.....	.....	.....
By Refund		7.20	1,807.20	1,403.22	.....	.....	.....
To Treas. Salaries			.....	.....	110.00	.....	.....
To Int. Temp. Loans					285.28	1,798.50	8.70
Tax Collector—Salaries	4,710.00	....	4,710.00	4,710.00	.....	4,710.00	.....
Tax Collector—Expense	1,642.00		1,642.00	1,638.29	.....	1,638.29	3.71

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Balance To	
						Total Expenses Or Revenue Forwarded	Overdrawn Accounts
Assessors—Salaries . . . . .	5,666.00	.....	5,660.00	5,660.00	.....	5,660.00	.....
Assessors—Expense . . . . .	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund . . . . .	.....	25.00	1,025.00	1,024.12	.....	1,024.12	.88
Town Clerk—Salaries . . . . .	2,420.00	.....	2,420.00	2,420.00	.....	2,420.00	.....
Town Clerk—Expense . . . . .	628.00	.....	628.00	542.62	.....	542.62	85.38
Elec. & Reg'n.—Salaries . . . . .	450.00	.....	450.00	450.00	.....	450.00	.....
Elec. & Reg'n.—Exp. . . . .	3,160.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Town Hall—Exp. . . . .	.....	56.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund . . . . .	.....	1,713.80	4,929.80	4,929.80	.....	4,929.80	.....
Elec., Reg'n.—Relisting . . . . .	2,775.00	.....	2,775.00	2,329.92	.....	2,329.92	445.08
Law Salaries . . . . .	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	1,050.00	.....	1,050.00	150.00
Law Expense . . . . .	300.00	.....	300.00	164.40	.....	164.40	135.60
Engineering—Salaries . . . . .	12,530.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Refund of 1947 Salary overpayment . . . . .	.....	100.00	12,630.00	11,777.92	.....	11,777.92	852.08
Engineering Expense . . . . .	1,476.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance 1-1-48 . . . . .	.....	157.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund . . . . .	.....	3.45	1,636.95	1,613.57	.....	1,613.57	23.38
Town Hall—Salaries . . . . .	2,728.00	.....	2,728.00	2,728.00	.....	2,728.00	.....
Town Hall—Expense . . . . .	4,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Excess & Def. . . . .	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Selectmen—Exp. . . . .	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

By Refund .....	20.00	5,120.00	5,056.16	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Elect. & Reg'n.—							
Expense .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Planning Board .....	200.00	200.00	199.36	56.00	5,112.16	7.84	.....
Board of Appeals .....	100.00	100.00	24.75	.....	199.36	.64	.....
Contributory Ret. System					24.75	.....	75.25
Adminis. ....	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,090.00	.....	1,090.00	.....	.....
By-Laws Revision .....	100.00	100.00	4.66	.....	4.66	.....	95.34
Total General Government	62,369.00	2,853.75	65,222.75	61,970.24	751.28	62,721.52	2,200.64
300.59							
Protection of Persons and Property:							
Police—Salaries .....	60,713.00	60,713.00	59,074.09	.....	59,074.09	1,638.91	.....
Expense .....	6,942.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund ..	135.59	7,077.59	7,070.84	.....	7,070.84	6.75	.....
Fire—Salaries .....	56,385.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund ..	50.00	56,435.00	56,389.83	.....	56,389.83	45.17	.....
Fire—Expense .....	4,750.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Ins. Loss Account	85.00	4,835.00	4,783.58	.....	4,783.58	51.42	.....
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....
New Apparatus .....	830.00	830.00	331.76	.....	331.76	498.24	.....
Hydrants .....	16,610.00	16,610.00	16,353.34	.....	16,353.34	256.66	.....
Forest Fire—Salaries ..	200.00	200.00	200.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....
Expenses .....	1,740.00	1,740.00	1,291.32	.....	1,291.32	448.68	.....
Ambulance .....	500.00	500.00	493.50	.....	493.50	6.50	.....
Sealer Wts. Meas.—							
Salary .....	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00	.....	.....
Expenses .....	400.00	400.00	364.07	.....	364.07	35.93	.....
Tree Warden .....	750.00	750.00	749.74	.....	749.74	.26	.....

## SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

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From Reserve Fund ..	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Health & Sanitation	22,175.00	2,541.80	24,716.80	21,445.81	770.99
Highways:				21,445.81	2,500.00
Highways—Salaries .....	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00	
Highways—Labor .....	25,000.00				
From Highways Exp. ....		1,000.00	26,000.00	24,082.36	
To Highways Expense .....					
Highways—Expenses ....	10,000.00			1,650.06	267.58
From Highways Labor .....		1,650.06			
From Highways Oil for Roads .....			12,005.48	10,943.40	
To Snow and Ice .....		355.42			
To Highways—Labor .....				33.00	
Highways Oil for Roads .....	10,000.00		10,000.00	11,976.40	29.08
To Highways—Expense .....					
Road Machinery Maint. .	7,500.00			355.42	1,305.15
By Refund .....		33.96			
From Rd. Mach. Rental Fund .....					
New Equip.—Road Mach. Chap. 90—Maint. 1947 ..		1,000.00	8,533.96	8,533.53	.43
From Highway Aid Revenue .....			5,876.00	3,690.41	2,185.59
O/D Balance of 1947 ..		2,199.10	2,199.10		
Chap. 90—Maint. 1948 ..	1,100.00			2,198.66	.44
From Loans in Ant. of Revenue .....		2,199.79	3,299.79	3,299.79	

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Balance To	
						Total Expenses Or Revenue Forwarded	Overdrawn to 1949 Accounts
Town Dump	1,841.25	.....	1,841.25	1,808.50	.....	1,808.50	32.75
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00	.....	3,500.00	2,713.68	.....	2,713.68	786.32
Snow and Ice	24,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Highway—Expense		33.00	24,033.00	23,778.42	.....	23,778.42	254.58
Total Highways	92,417.25	8,471.33	100,888.58	92,938.18	3,038.48	96,026.66	2,676.33
							2,185.59
Charities and Veterans' Benefits:							
General Relief—Salaries	2,463.00	.....	2,463.00	2,463.00	.....	2,463.00	.....
General Relief—Expense	30,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund	.....	32.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From ADC—Expense	.....	800.00	30,382.00	30,037.89	.....	30,037.89	794.11
A.D.C.—Salaries	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	795.85	.....	795.85	204.15
A.D.C.—Expense	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund	.....	96.45	20,096.45	10,296.24	.....	.....	.....
To OAA—Expense	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00	.....	.....
To Gen. Rel.—Expense	.....	.....	.....	.....	800.00	19,096.24	1,000.21
OAA—Salaries	2,300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Fed. Gr. Adm.	.....	1,000.00	3,300.00	2,575.61	.....	2,575.61	724.39
OAA—Expenses	88,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refunds	.....	375.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From A.D.C. Expense	.....	8,000.00	96,375.35	95,595.41	.....	95,595.41	779.94

## Federal Grants:

## A.D.C.—Administration:

1947 Balance	255.41	367.72	31.88	31.88	335.84
From Grants	111.31				

## A.D.C. Expenses:

1947 Balance	2,455.27				
From Grants	10,669.58				
By Refunds	7.85	13,132.70	10,920.81	10,920.81	2,211.89

## O.A.A.—Administration:

1947 Balance	1,733.83				
From Grants	1,905.98	3,639.81	1,473.57		
To O.A.A.—Salaries					
Adjustment—O.A.A.—					
F.G. Expense				2,487.57	1,152.24

## O.A.A. Expenses:

1947 Balance	1,855.79				
From Grants	59,274.22				
By Refunds	272.80				
By Adj. from O.A.A.—					

## F.G. Salaries

	14.00	61,416.81	55,899.08	55,899.08	5,517.73
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## Child Welfare Service

	2,220.00				
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## 1947 Balance

	364.06				
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## From State and Towns

	2,525.59	5,109.65	5,109.65	5,109.65	
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## Infirmary—Salaries

	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	
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## Infirmary—Expense

	5,600.00				
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## From Excess &amp; Def.

	1,200.00	6,800.00	6,623.18	6,623.18	
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## Veterans' Benefits—

	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	
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## Salaries

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# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses Or Overlay	Balance To Revenue Forwarded	Overdrawn Accounts
Veterans' Benefits—Exp.	12,250.00							
Adj. by Veterans'								
Services		13.23						
By Refunds		181.25						
From W. W. 2 Allow.		350.00						
From Soldiers' Burials		400.00						
From Bur. All. to Vets								
Organization		700.00	13,894.48	13,184.79		13,184.79	709.69	
World War 2 Allow.	350.00		350.00					
To Vets Benefits Exp.					350.00	350.00		
Soldiers' Burials	400.00		400.00					
To Vets Benefits—Exp.					400.00	400.00		
Veterans' Services—								
Salaries	3,435.00		3,435.00	3,435.00		3,435.00		
Veterans' Services—Exp.	500.00		500.00	486.29				
To Vets Benefits—Exp.					13.23	499.52	.48	
Burial Allow. to Vets.								
Organizations	1,000.00		1,000.00	220.00				
To Vets Benefits—Exp.					700.00	920.00	80.00	
Maint. of Veterans'								
Graves	400.00		400.00	295.90		295.90	104.10	
Total Charities & Veterans								
Benefits	172,943.00	94,594.97	267,537.97	242,469.15	11,277.23	253,746.38	4,573.89	9,217.70

# Schools and Libraries:

Schools—Salaries .....	310,000.00	.....	310,000.00	308,688.91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Smith-Hughes Fd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.28	308,689.19	1,310.81	.....	.....
Schools—Expenses .....	64,983.67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund .....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Playgrounds .....	.....	400.00	65,388.67	65,267.21	.....	65,267.21	121.46	.....	.....
Contingency Fund .....	3,500.00	.....	3,500.00	2,476.90	.....	2,476.90	1,023.10	.....	.....
Military Retire. Fund ..	1,546.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund .....	.....	1,546.94	3,093.88	2,208.56	.....	2,208.56	885.32	.....	.....
George Barden Fund:									
1947 Balance .....	.....	243.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Income .....	.....	450.00	693.00	478.00	.....	478.00	.....	.....	215.00
Smith Hughes Fund:									
From Income .....	.....	4,630.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Schools—Salaries ..	.....	.28	4,630.31	4,630.31	.....	4,630.31	.....	.....	.....
Library—Salaries .....	9,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Trustees Fund ..	.....	450.00	10,250.00	10,219.53	.....	10,219.53	30.47	.....	.....
Library Expenses .....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Trustees Fund ..	.....	150.00	3,150.00	3,094.17	.....	3,094.17	55.83	.....	.....
Library Alterations and									
Improvement Acct. ....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947 Balance .....	.....	1,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
Mary Mynott Fund:									
1947 Balance .....	.....	44.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Income .....	.....	20.00	64.83	38.95	.....	38.95	.....	.....	25.88
Total Schools and Libraries	393,830.61	8,940.08	402,770.69	397,102.54	.28	397,102.82	3,426.99	2,240.88	.....

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses Or Revenue Forwarded	Balance To Revenue Or Overlay to 1949	Overdrawn Accounts
Recreation and Unclassified:								
Parks	500.00	.....	500.00	409.00	.....	409.00	91.00	.....
Playgrounds	4,420.00	.....	4,420.00	3,955.81	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Schools—Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00	4,355.81	64.19	.....
World War Memorial ..	500.00	.....	500.00	390.44	.....	390.44	109.56	.....
2nd World War Honor Roll	350.00	.....	350.00	340.51	.....	340.51	9.49	.....
Swimming Pool & Municipal Athletic Field	7,000.00	.....	7,000.00	6,257.55	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Dresser St. Field ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	241.00	6,498.55	501.45	.....
Airport Maint. Acct. ...	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....
Damage to Persons & Property	500.00	.....	500.00	473.85	.....	473.85	26.15	.....
Land Damages Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chap. 90 Projects ..	500.00	.....	500.00	150.00	.....	150.00	350.00	.....
Memorial Day	400.00	.....	400.00	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Armistice Day	300.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	300.00	.....	.....
Annual Reports	1,650.00	.....	1,650.00	1,637.60	.....	1,637.60	12.40	.....
Pensions (Non-Contributory)	9,478.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Reserve Fund ..	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refunds	.....	238.26	9,736.26	8,688.64	.....	8,688.64	1,047.62	.....
Insurance	16,558.00	.....	16,558.00	15,882.09	.....	15,882.09	.....	675.91

Town Clock .....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	631.89	.....	631.89	368.11	.....
Water and Ice .....	500.00	.....	500.00	490.23	.....	490.23	9.77	.....
Outstanding Bills								
Previous Years .....	755.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From 1947 Balance .....	.....	57.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From 1949 Revenue .....	.....	53.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Excess & Def. ..	.....	9.10	875.79	818.77	.....	818.77	3.27	53.75
Pension Accumulation &								
Military Service Fds.	10,843.85	.....	10,843.85	10,843.85	.....	10,843.85	.....	.....
Total Recreation and								
Unclassified .....	55,755.15	378.75	56,133.90	51,670.23	641.00	52,311.23	2,593.01	1,229.66
Cemetery and Enterprises:								
Cemetery .....	3,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Income—Trust								
Funds .....	.....	1,848.39	5,648.39	5,584.19	.....	5,584.19	64.20	.....
Cemetery Improvement Account:								
1947 Balance .....	.....	2,855.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Sale of Lots and								
Graves .....	.....	950.00	3,805.15	3,129.93	.....	3,129.93	.....	675.22
Total Enterprises and								
Cemeteries .....	3,800.00	5,653.54	9,453.54	8,714.12	.....	8,714.12	64.20	675.22
New Construction:								
Dresser St. Field								
1947 Balance .....	.....	56,307.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund .....	.....	26.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses Or Revenue	Balance To Revenue Forwarded Or Overlay to 1949 Accounts
Transferred from Municipal Ath. Field . . . . .	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Adjustment . . . . .	.....	41.00	56,575.46	56,289.34	.....	56,289.34	.....
Swimming Pool Steps and Retailing Wall	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Excess and Defic. . . . .	.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00
1947 Eastford Rd. Const. —Contract 10656	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Highway Aid Revenue	.....	11,624.80	11,624.80	7,826.17	.....	.....	.....
Overdrawn Bal. of 1947 Eastford Rd. Const.—	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,438.43	18,264.60	6,639.80
Contract 11335—1948	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Excess and Defic. Brickyard Road Bridge Contract 10121	.....	5,750.00	5,750.00	22.85	.....	22.85	5,727.15
1947 Balance . . . . .	.....	1,379.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Highway Aid Rev. Dean Brook Bridge . . . . .	.....	1,456.83	2,835.90	1,865.61	.....	1,865.61	970.29
Clark St. Road . . . . .	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00	21.00	.....	21.00	1,979.00
1947 Balance . . . . .	.....	1,060.94	1,060.94	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alumni Field Purchase	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,060.94	.....
From Excess and Defic. .....	.....	4,620.00	4,620.00	4,620.00	.....	4,620.00	.....

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# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses Or Overlay	Balance To Revenue Forwarded to 1949 Accounts
Worcester St. Sewer							
1947 Balance	.....	20,922.60	20,922.60	.....	.....	.....	20,922.60
Dean, Benefit and Lents							
Sts. Curbing							
1947 Balance	.....	3,700.00	3,700.00	1,240.01	.....	1,240.01	2,459.99
Meadowbrook Rd. Drain							
1947 Balance	.....	1,050.15	1,050.15	.....	.....	.....	1,050.15
Dennison Rd. Reconstruction							
1947 Balance	.....	4,314.08	4,314.08	3,471.29	.....	3,471.29	842.79
Town Government SurGvey							
1947 Balance	.....	193.06	193.06	22.00	.....	22.00	171.06
Town Hall Survey and Repairs							
1947 Balance	.....	1,712.84	1,712.84	471.04	.....	471.04	1,241.80
Blackmore Rd. Widening							
From Excess and Defic.	.....	500.00	500.00	499.70	.....	499.70	.30
Cisco St. Land Damages							
From Excess and Defic.	.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Goddard Ct. Land Damages							
From Excess and Defic.	.....	22,150.00	22,150.00	15,089.60	.....	15,089.60	7,060.40
Nuisance Brook Account							
From Reserve Fund	.....	250.00	250.00	250.00	.....	250.00	.....
Total New Construction	17,277.84	184,206.27	201,484.11	147,659.47	10,480.43	158,139.90	4,645.33
							45,338.68
							6,639.80



# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Balance To		
						Total Expenses Or	Revenue Forwarded	Overdrawn Accounts
County TB Hospital								
Maint. Tax	16,717.27	.....	16,717.27	19,638.37	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947 O/Drawn Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,086.75	20,725.12	.....	4,007.85
Dog Fees Paid to County	.....	1,962.60	1,962.60	1,951.80	.....	1,951.80	10.80	.....
Withholding Tax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1949 Balance	.....	6,610.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Employees Wages	.....	47,895.58	54,506.24	49,968.23	.....	49,968.23	4,538.01	.....
Blue Cross Deductions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Employees Wages	.....	3,598.98	3,598.98	3,598.98	.....	3,598.98	.....	.....
Insurance Loss Reim- bursement Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Insurance Co. . .	.....	85.00	85.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
To Fire Expense	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.00	85.00	.....	.....
Teachers Retirement Refund Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By Refund	.....	10.15	10.15	10.15	.....	10.15	.....	.....
J. J. Angell Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947 Balance	.....	31.27	31.27	.....	.....	.....	31.27	.....
Alexis Boyer, J. Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947 Balance	.....	11.29	11.29	.....	.....	.....	11.29	.....
Ella M. Cole Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947 Balance	.....	295.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Invest. Income	.....	57.50	352.83	92.12	.....	92.12	260.71	.....

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## General Recapitulation:

General Government ..	62,369.00	2,853.75	65,222.75	61,970.24	751.28	52,721.52	2,200.64	300.59	.....
Protections of Persons and Property .....	169,220.00	314.24	169,534.24	165,865.45	.....	165,865.45	3,668.79	.....	.....
Health and Sanitation ..	22,175.00	2,541.80	24,716.80	21,445.81	.....	21,445.81	770.99	2,500.00	.....
Highways ..	92,417.25	8,471.33	100,888.58	92,988.18	3,038.48	96,026.66	2,676.33	2,185.59	.....
Charities and Veterans' Benefits ..	172,943.00	94,594.97	267,537.97	242,469.15	11,277.23	253,746.38	4,573.89	9,217.70	.....
Schools and Libraries ..	393,830.61	8,940.08	402,770.69	397,102.54	.28	397,102.82	3,426.99	2,240.88	.....
Recreation and Uclassified	55,755.15	378.75	56,133.90	51,670.23	641.00	52,311.23	2,593.01	1,229.66	.....
Enterprises and Cemetery	3,800.00	5,653.54	9,453.54	8,714.12	.....	8,714.12	64.20	675.22	.....
Special Appropriations ..	17,277.84	184,206.27	201,484.11	147,659.47	10,480.43	158,139.90	4,645.33	45,338.68	6,639.80

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expenses Or Revenue Forwarded to 1949 Accounts	Balance To Revenue Forwarded to 1949 Accounts
Interest and Maturing							
Debt . . . . .	55,873.51	350,380.13	406,353.64	306,353.64	.....	306,353.64	100,000.00
Agenc. Trust and							
Investment . . . . .	50,583.74	71,083.26	121,667.00	116,202.13	6,958.65	123,160.78	7,058.83
Overage for Curren Year	15,055.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,552.61
	1,111,400.66	729,418.12	1,825,763.22	1,612,440.96	33,147.35	1,645,588.31	24,620.17
							170,747.15
							15,192.41

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Southbridge, Mass.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1948



## ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1948-1949

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Armand DeAngelis, Chairman, 333 Worcester Street	1951
Rosaire LaFleche, 18 Hudson Avenue	1951
Paul H. Benoit, 236 West Street	1950
William J. Brunell, 153 Charlton Street	1950
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill	1949
Ernest Boyer, 251 Marcy Street	1949

### MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in the High School building, except as follows:

In January, 2nd Monday

In March, 3rd Monday

In September, 2nd Monday

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

During the year 1948, the School Committee met the following number of times:

Regular meetings	10
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Special meetings	11
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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William L. Bourgeois	Residence, 172 Dresser Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365	

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M. for work permits.

The Superintendent is available for conference by appointment. Call 365.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street	Tel. 1108
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## SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street	Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street	Tel. 32

## SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 32 Taft Street	Tel. 1961-J
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## SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Robert B. Phipps, School Office	Tel. 1750-M
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## SCHOOL CALENDAR—1949

Winter term, seven weeks	January 3-February 18
Spring term, seven weeks	February 28-April 15
Summer term, nine weeks	April 25-June 24
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 7-December 22

## NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. will indicate no morning session for all grades.

The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A.M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P.M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P.M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## In Brief:

Total Expenditures	\$386,153.76
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treas.	83,695.29
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Net Cost to Town	\$302,458.47

## In Detail:

Receipts to School Department	
Appropriation	\$384,450.61
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government	4,630.03
George Barden Fund	\$693.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	215.00
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	478.00
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Total—Funds Available	\$389,558.64
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## EXPENDITURES

## GENERAL CONTROL:

Salaries	\$9,557.10
Other expenses	1,389.82
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	\$10,946.92

## AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Transportation	\$13,724.77
Tuition to other schools	658.76
Compulsory attendance	395.29
School doctors	1,936.54
School nurse	2,619.15
Medical expenses	358.52
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Total—Auxiliary Agencies	19,693.03

## HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$72,742.70
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks	1,714.28

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Supplies	3,279.96	
Other expenses	745.83	
Operation of plant	12,642.63	
Maintenance of plant	753.87	
Capital outlay	859.60	
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Total—High School		92,738.87
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:		
Instruction salaries	\$127,049.45	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	3,113.23	
Supplies	4,934.67	
Other expenses	469.95	
Operation of plant	24,565.49	
Maintenance of plant	2,662.81	
Capital outlay	426.44	
Total—Elementary Schools		163,222.04
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	\$65,436.36	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	227.64	
Supplies	3,489.39	
Other expenses	356.19	
Operation of plant	7,513.35	
Maintenance of plant	1,344.67	
Capital outlay	1,024.40	
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Total—Vocational School		79,392.00
EVENING HIGH SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	\$1,026.00	
Operation of plant	792.00	
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Total—Evening High School		1,818.00
ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	\$1,556.00	
Instruction expenses	15.87	

Operation of plant	150.00	
Total—Elementary Evening School		1,721.87
EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	\$2,286.00	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	25.50	
Supplies	400.50	
Operation of plant	379.96	
Maintenance of plant	3.00	
Total—Evening Vocational School		3,094.96
HOUSEHOLD ARTS:		
Salaries	\$5,527.34	
Textbooks	25.02	
Supplies	338.10	
Other expenses	11.35	
Capital outlay	213.88	
Maintenance	75.65	
Total—Household Arts		6,191.34
CONTINUATION SCHOOL:		
Salaries	\$63.00	
Supplies	27.97	
Total—Continuation School		90.97
VISUAL AIDS:		
Salaries	\$120.00	
Supplies	29.43	
Total—Visual Aids		149.43
PLAYGROUNDS:		
Instruction salaries	\$2,926.50	
Other expenses	1,029.31	
Total—Playgrounds		3,955.81

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RETIREMENT FOR SERVICEMEN	661.62
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CONTINGENCY FUND	2,476.90
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Total Expenditures	\$386,153.76
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Balance on Hand, December 31, 1948	3,404.88
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	\$389,558.64
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School Transportation (Chap. 71, Sec. 7A)	\$8,978.75
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Massachusetts School Fund (Chap. 70,	
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Part I)	13,713.60
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Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	9,604.48
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Vocational School (Day) State Grant	8,522.36
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Vocational School—General Vocational	11,087.47
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Household Arts—State Grant	2,557.59
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Continuation School—State Grant	316.76
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Adult Civic Education	774.25
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Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	839.37
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Worcester Evening Trade School	25.50
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Lynn Industrial Shoemaking School	22.50
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Smith-Hughes U. S. Government Fund	4,630.03
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George Barden Fund	693.00
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High School Tuition	9,672.71
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Elementary School Tuition	1,175.30
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Vocational School Tuition	10,771.76
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Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold	391.86
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Refunds	20.00
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Southbridge Evening Distributive	
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Occupations School	12.00
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Worcester Evening Practical Arts School	13.50
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Worcester Part-Time Cooperative	
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Distributive Occupations School	87.50
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Total	\$83,910.29
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George Barden Fund—Balance, December 31, 1948	215.00
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer	\$83,695.29
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## SCHOOL PERSONNEL—SALARIES

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1949

	Salary	Special Duties	Gross Salary
Bourgeois, William L., Supt.	\$6,600.00	Out of State Travel	\$200.00
Lacouture, Claude D., Industrial Arts	3,100.00		
Nichols, Marjorie H., Elem. Super.	3,700.00		
Phipps, Robert B., Guidance Dir.	1,800.00	Visual Education	800.00
Van Etten, Eleanor, Music Super.	3,200.00	Attendance Officer	400.00
			3,000.00
			3,200.00
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL			
Robertson, James M., Prin.	\$5,200.00	(Includes evening school)	5,200.00
Aucoin, Pauline M.	2,900.00	Supply Room	200.00
Bartoli, Dorothy	3,000.00		
Beauregard, Kathryn	3,200.00		
Birtz, Claire J.	2,608.33		
Brodeur, Rose	2,866.68		
Coderre, Constance	2,900.00		
Corbin, Louise B.	2,820.00		
Fitzgerald, Thecla	3,200.00	Crimson & Gray Mag.	50.00
Hefner, C. Estelle	2,900.00	Senior Play Coach	50.00
			3,300.00
			2,900.00

	Salary	Special Duties	Gross Salary
Howe, Persis	2,900.00		2,900.00
Kyrios, Barbara	2,766.67		2,766.67
Kyrios, Lewis	3,300.00	Athletics	700.00
Laakso, Eino	3,083.33	Athletics	200.00
Lane, Arthur D.	2,500.00		
LeClair, Cecile P.	2,900.00	Dean of Girls	200.00
McMahon, Harry J.	3,200.00	Fac. Dir. Athletics	335.00
		Athletics	300.00
Tait, Flora	2,900.00	Junior Play Coach	50.00
Themistocles, Liberty	2,350.00	Athletics	200.00
Troy, Frances	2,900.00		
Varnam, Lindzay	2,950.00		
Wanerka, Elsie	2,300.00		
Welch, John E.	2,700.00	Athletics	300.00
COLE TRADE SCHOOL			
Morrell, Clark H., Dir.	\$5,000.00	(Includes Evening School)	\$5,000.00
Andrews, Harold A.	3,558.34		3,558.34
Benson, John L.	3,548.34		3,548.34
Braman, George H.	3,577.50		3,577.50
Couture, Francis E.	3,518.92		3,518.92
Delaney, William V.	3,640.00	Hilltopper Mag.	\$50.00
			3,690.00

Glondok, Walter	3,565.00			3,565.00
Grenier, Leo	3,548.34			3,548.34
Hall, Ernest	500.00			500.00
Johnson, Nels	4,737.57			4,737.57
Julien, William A.	3,479.16			3,479.16
Lavallee, Emery A.	3,440.00		Guidance & Supervision	560.00
Nickerson, William	3,540.00		Bldg. Main. Officer	500.00
Paul, William	3,585.84			4,500.00
Pelligrini, Mario	3,125.00			3,540.00
Skinyon, Frank	3,640.00		Fund Raising Act.	3,585.84
Swenson, Lawrence	3,477.51		Fac. Dir. Athletics	3,125.00
				100.00
				200.00
				3,940.00
				3,477.51

## CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Racine, R. Joseph, Prin.	\$3,216.67	Principal	\$400.00	
Curtis, Elizabeth	2,800.00	Athletics	300.00	\$3,916.67
Finnerty, Theodore	2,900.00	Athletics	50.00	2,850.00
Golden, Helen R.	2,500.00			2,900.00
Gough, Irene	2,759.18			2,500.00
Howes, Gladys	2,800.00			2,759.18
Locke, Dorothy	2,528.00			2,800.00
Maynard, Josette	2,000.00			2,528.00
				2,000.00

	Salary	Special Duties	Gross Salary
Richardson, Ann I.	2,600.00		2,600.00
Salviuolo, Eva	2,600.00		2,600.00
Saunders, Marie	2,738.34		2,738.34
Sullivan, Alice	2,650.00		2,650.00
Tarquinio, Florida	2,750.00		2,750.00
EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL			
Lataille, Raoul O.	\$3,200.00	Principal	\$250.00
		Athletics	250.00
Callahan, Patricia	3,016.68		\$3,700.00
Campbell, Marjorie	2,900.00		3,016.68
Foley, Bertha	2,800.85		2,900.00
Jenness, Ellwood	2,500.00		2,800.85
Jodrey, Myrtle	2,404.17	Athletics	2,550.00
Mahan, Ruth	2,600.00		2,404.17
Maxwell, Cathryn	2,300.00		2,600.00
McSweeney, Bridie	2,900.00		2,300.00
Morrill, Julia	2,796.43		2,900.00
Thornton, Mary V.	2,100.00		2,796.43
			2,100.00
MARCY STREET SCHOOL			
L'Ecuier, Constance	\$3,050.00	Principal	\$200.00
Chamberlain, Mabel	2,700.00		\$3,250.00
			2,700.00

Dintini, Camella	2,938.34			2,938.34
Hachey, Elsie	2,650.00			2,650.00
Henderson, Charlotte	2,600.00			2,600.00
Huson, Ruth	2,741.67			2,741.67
Sweet, Celestine	2,746.67			2,746.67
Wallace, Bertha	2,805.01			2,805.01
Wilkie, Robert W.	2,500.00	Athletics	50.00	2,550.00
RIVER STREET SCHOOL				
Reed, Clara M.,	\$2,695.84	Teacher-in-Charge	\$100.00	\$2,795.84
Beaudette, Francis	2,300.00	Athletics	50.00	2,350.00
Bisbee, A. Freda	2,600.00			2,600.00
Towse, Evangeline	2,875.00	Athletics	50.00	2,925.00
WEST STREET SCHOOL				
Boyer, Laurenda, Prin.	\$2,900.00	Principal	\$225.00	\$3,325.00
Beaudreau, Corinne	2,900.00	Gymnasium	200.00	2,900.00
Casavant, Eva	3,200.00			3,200.00
Holmes, Everett	2,808.33	Athletics	200.00	3,008.33
Nash, Malcolm	2,600.00	Athletics	250.00	2,850.00
Randall, Edith	2,738.34			2,738.34
Roberts, Emily	3,033.35			3,033.35
Sampson, Ruth	2,721.67			2,721.67

	Salary	Special Duties	Gross Salary
Sheriffs, Dorothy	2,300.00		2,300.00
Small, Elinor	2,525.00		2,525.00
SECRETARIES			
Hofstra, Elsie A., Supt's Sec.	\$2,400.00		\$2,400.00
Adams, Nora, High School Clerk	1,900.00		1,900.00
Connolly, Margaret R., Trade School Clerk	2,200.00		2,200.00
Baybutt, Maureen, Trade School Clerk	1,760.00		1,760.00
JANITORS			
Alger, Frederick P.	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Caron, Philias	2,400.00	(Jan. Supplies)	2,400.00
Craite, John B.	2,400.00		2,400.00
Favreau, Valmore O.	2,600.00	Maintenance	\$200.00
Gaumont, Armand	2,400.00		2,400.00
Leduc, Theophile	2,600.00		2,600.00
L'Homme, Rudolph	2,400.00	School Supplies	100.00
Moore, Joseph R.	2,500.00		2,500.00
DOCTORS AND NURSE			
Langevin, William E., M.D.	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Eccleston, Adah B., M.D.	350.00		350.00
Pinsonneault, Edna C., R.N.	2,650.00		2,650.00

## EVENING HIGH SCHOOL\*

	Gross Salary		Total
Kyrios, Barbara	\$2,766.67	Jan. 12 to May 21.	
Varnam, Lindzay		Oct 4 to Dec. 17	\$252.00 \$3,018.67
JANITORS	2,950.00	Oct. 4 to Dec. 17	30.00 2,980.00
Caron, Philias	2,400.00	Oct. 4 to Dec. 17	318.00 2,718.00
Craite, John	2,400.00	Oct. 4 to Dec. 17	24.00 2,424.00
Favreau, Valmore O.	2,800.00	Oct. 4 to Dec. 17	150.00 2,950.00

## ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL\*

Callahan, Patricia	\$3,016.68	Jan. 5 - Apr. 30	\$90.00 \$3,106.68
Dintini, Camella	2,938.34	Jan. 5 - Apr. 30	
		Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	246.00 3,184.34
L'Ecuver, Constance	3,250.00	Oct 18 - Dec. 31	551.00 3,801.00
Nichols, Marjorie	3,700.00	Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	228.00 3,928.00
Reed, Clara M.	2,795.84	Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	312.00 3,107.84
Themistocles, Liberty	2,550.00	Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	117.00 2,667.00

\*The amounts disbursed for Evening High, Elementary Evening, Evening Vocational are on a reimbursable basis from George-Barden (Federal) Funds and from State Department of Education Funds.

## EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL\*

	Gross Salary		Total
Morrell, Clark H.	\$5,000.00	Feb. 1 - May 14	\$100.00
Andrews, Harold	3,558.34	Feb. 1 - May 14	\$5,100.00
		Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	234.00
Braman, George	3,577.50	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	3,792.34
Couture, Francis	3,518.92	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	3,817.50
Glondek, Walter	3,565.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	168.00
Grenier, Leo	3,548.34	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	12.00
Julien, William	3,479.16	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	192.00
Nickerson, William	3,540.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	132.00
Paul, William	3,585.84	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	234.00
Pellegrini, Mario	3,125.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	150.00
Skinyon, Frank	3,940.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	48.00
Swenson, Lawrence	3,477.51	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	162.00
		Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	120.00
CLERK			3,597.51
Connolly, Margaret	2,200.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	80.00
			2,280.00

\*The amounts disbursed for Evening High, Elementary Evening, Evening Vocational are on a reimbursable basis from George-Barden (Federal) Funds and from State Department of Education Funds.

## JANITORS

Craite, John	2,424.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	124.00	2,548.00
Gaumont, Armand	2,400.00	Nov. 8 - Dec. 15	83.00	2,483.00

## SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

McMahon, Harry J.	\$3,835.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	\$300.00	\$4,135.00
Golden, Helen	2,500.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	164.50	2,664.50
Henderson, Charlotte	2,600.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	162.50	2,762.50
Kyrios, Lewis	4,000.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	195.00	4,195.00
Maxwell, Cathryn	2,300.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	162.50	2,462.50
Maynard, Josette	2,000.00	July 12 - Aug. 20	170.00	2,170.00
Reed, Clara M.	3,107.84	July 12 - Aug. 20	195.00	3,302.84
Sweet, Celestine	2,746.67	July 12 - Aug. 20	195.00	2,941.67

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Members of the Southbridge School Committee  
and to the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

It is my privilege to submit herewith a third annual report, the sixty-fourth in the series of reports by the Superintendents of Schools.

Another year finds the challenge to Education never greater in any period of our country's history than it is at the moment. The critical problems of today's world upon which the very issues of war or peace and democratic survival seem to hinge have reached the heart of every community and have taken their toll. This is a period of stress, strain and confusion. But education has a stake in the solution of those problems beginning on the community level; to that end, it has the responsibility of developing those understandings, attitudes, and that kind of citizenship that will guarantee the preservation and the promotion of civic betterment. The only thing the members of a free society need fear is ignorance.

Education is not a destination, it is a journey—always we are en route. Through the myriad administrative details the reason for the schools' existence has not been overlooked. We have endeavored to focus our attention upon the child—your child—in whatever grade he may be—his needs, interests, aptitudes and aspirations. Education has continued its process of preparing the future citizens and leaders of tomorrow with the same underlying principles: accepting the child, or the youth, where he is, helping him to make effective adjustments to his environment while providing for the fullest growth and development of that individual as a person.

We will not be deterred in our belief that education must strive continually to attain complete realization of the individual's abilities at each stage of his development. Education will then have best prepared him to cope with those problems which every day life in all its aspects will present. The school of to-

day functions with a deep concern for the whole child—physical, mental, emotional—with the child's interests, tastes and habits of conduct, as well as with his abilities: those powers to reason and to remember. We are concerned with his personality, with his social understanding and social skills, as well as with his intellectual mastery of subjects. But, we are not interested in the mastery of subject matter: it is more in what this mastery does to improve his understanding of and interest in himself and his physical and social world. In other words, we feel that, as the child reacts to the very first experiences of learning the 3 R's, or as the youth reacts to the more mature considerations of the basic psychological and social aspects of current world problems, he should profit by these experiences to improve his behavior and to establish those patterns of conduct that make him more amenable to the exigencies of life itself.

We realize that schools must be flexible to meet changing conditions as well as to allow for more pronounced individual differences among children and youth: cultural values need to be stressed more accurately; spiritual values need to be rediscovered while every attempt needs to be made to elaborate human relations in all its aspects. Education is a continuous process and to that end we will maintain continuous research and planning in our educational program in order to meet the needs of the children and the youth of today, to develop better-disciplined minds as we move forward confidently to equip these same youngsters to face the world of tomorrow.

## ENROLLMENT

The enrollment in the Public Schools on October 1, 1948 was 1800 as compared with 1788 on October 1, 1947.

The enrollment in the Elementary Schools on October 1, 1948 was 1141 as compared with 1091 on October 1, 1947.

The consequences of the increased birthrate during and since the war years have necessitated the opening of two additional first grades: one at the Charlton Street School, which also accommodates a group from the Marcy Street School, and one at the Eastford Road School.

The enrollment in the Public Schools as of January 3, 1949, is as follows:

Grade	Charlton Street	Eastford Road	Marcy Street	West Street	River Street	Total
1 A	31	25	30	32	18	
1 B	32	19				187
2 A	24	23	34	34	12	
2 B		23				150
3	37	34	35	37		143
4 A	24	34	23	38		
4 B	23					142
5 A	25	32	31	40		
5 B	17					145
6 A	30	22	32	22		
6 B				24		130
7 A	22	27	18	23		
7 B	22					112
8	32	22	21	23		98
Man. Arts			19		29	48
	319	261	243	273	59	1155
Mary E. Wells High—Freshmen						131
Sophomores						112
Juniors						102
Seniors						116
						461
Cole Trade High —Day						169
Cooperative						64
						233
GRAND TOTAL						1849

The facilities of our Elementary Schools are overtaxed to a great extent—

1. The Charlton Street School is using the stage of the auditorium-gymnasium for a small classroom, and one class is being held in a partitioned portion of the gymnasium.

2. The Eastford Road School has had to use its library to take care of a class, as well as its activity room.
3. The West Street School is still using its library for a classroom.
4. The Marcy Street School with only eight rooms has lost a portion of its first grade which was combined with an overflow in the first grade at the Charlton Street School to form the first grade class that is using the Charlton Street School gymnasium.

In the High School Building all available space is being used to best advantage. In fact, there is need of an additional room to take care more adequately of the recently created Manual Arts class, as a preparatory course for Trade School aspirants.

## THE SCHOOL BUDGET

The Town Meeting of March, 1948, voted the School Department the total amount of \$384,450.61, which was a decrease of \$10,000.00 from the original Estimate of Expenditures voted by the School Committee on December 19, 1947, in the amount of \$394,450.61. The results were as follows:

	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>All Other Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Request	\$323,898.67	\$61,085.00	\$384,983.67
Town Meeting Vote	310,000.00	64,983.67	374,983.67

The salary increases for "the teachers and all other academic personnel" voted by the School Committee on December 19, 1947 was denied by the voters. However, on August 10, 1948, the School Committee, under certain mitigating circumstances, voted "to abide by the original vote of the School Committee of December 19, 1947," and the teachers and all other academic personnel were granted the \$200.00 raise of salary as originally requested and voted.

By the same vote in March, 1948 the All Other Expenses Account was increased by \$3,898.67. This permitted the school committee to authorize much needed repair and maintenance work, as well as to meet more adequately the ever-increasing costs of school materiel.

The Estimate of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1949, as voted by the School Committee on December 6, 1948 shows the following increases:

	1948	1949	Increase
Salaries	\$310,000.00	\$336,862.31	\$26,862.31
All Other Expenses	64,983.67	66,417.40	1,433.73

The increase in salaries is accounted for by normal yearly increments, according to the salary schedule, and by the increases due to the establishment of "Service Pay." The total service pay increase amounts to \$2,825.

The increase in All Other Expenses is accounted for mostly by the needed repairs for the reopening of the Mechanic Street School, which will eventually accommodate four Kindergarten groups and one first grade. Numerous details of repairs and maintenance must also be attended to without much delay.

## STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS

By virtue of an Act of the State Legislature in June, 1948, the dawn of hope for relief to the taxpayer became a reality. The Commonwealth increased its aid to Public Schools from 5 to 15 millions, for the purpose of promoting "the equalization of educational opportunity in public schools of the Commonwealth and the equalization of the burden of the cost of schools to the respective towns." According to the new formula on which the redistribution of State Income Tax will be made, the Town of Southbridge will receive on account of its Day High and Elementary Schools the sum of \$82,999. Based on the old formula, Southbridge has averaged receipts of slightly more than \$13,000. This means an actual increase of \$69,747.00, over the amount in school aid from the state in 1948.

It is true that there is "no new money," originating from some new form of tax levy in the State, but the new formula is definitely a redistribution of tax money in the State and according to most reliable sources, the Town of Southbridge should benefit by an additional 40 to 50 thousand dollars. This amount as derived from the new formula "must be considered as aid to schools. This is both the spirit and the letter of the law. Contrary statements are open to serious challenge," as expressed in a

communication from the Massachusetts Council for Public Schools.

## TUITION RATES

The School Committee voted, as in past years, to increase the per capita tuition rates, effective January 1, 1949 for the ensuing year. The tuition rate is determined according to a formula specified by the State Department of Education; it inevitably reflects the rising costs of education.

FORMULA: "The expenditure for support, exclusive of general control and transportation to the school within the town for the year ending June 30, 1948, divided by the average membership of the school for that year."

Comparative figures for the last three consecutive years will bear out the rapid rise in school materiel and salaries:

	1947	1948	1949
High School	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$179.00
Elementary School	110.00	120.00	141.00

## SALARIES

Teachers' salaries are still considered low—low in absolute terms; low in relation to the importance of their work; low in relation to earning possibilities in other fields. The present maximums are:

Non-Degree	\$2,600.00
Bachelor's Degree	2,900.00
Master's Degree	3,200.00

The Trade School salaries are now \$3440 and \$3640 depending on requirements of the State Department.

The present cost of living index has completely offset the previous increases in teachers' salaries. Teachers in most communities are not able to maintain the standard of living that is expected of them. They are reacting by demanding further increases in salaries, by accepting higher paying teaching positions elsewhere or by leaving the profession.

It must be remembered that there is still a definite shortage of teachers, especially for the elementary schools, and par-

ticularly in the primary grades. Salaries of teachers have been recently increased in most communities, due to increased State Aid. Our schedule is still not high enough to be a strong drawing power. In many instances, salary schedules that were adopted last year are now inadequate and fail to meet the prevailing competition of even those communities nearest us. Teaching is a profession and due consideration need be given your teachers—the teachers in your schools. They are the ones who are sharing with you the duty of bringing up your children. Is it not only fair that your teachers should be given the same consideration that you yourselves would expect to receive. They in turn will give you all that service commensurate with your best expectations.

### KINDERGARTENS

The establishment of Kindergartens in the Southbridge Public School System will fulfill a long-felt want. It was voted by the School Committee on September 13, 1948 “to open kindergarten classes October 1st pending a meeting with the Board of Selectmen and members of the Finance Committee.”

Due to the need of many repairs at the Mechanic Street School, delay in opening has been inevitable. It is planned, however, that if kindergartens are opened only for the second half of this school year they will have served their purpose for this year. The children who would normally have entered the first grade in September, 1949, will be that much better prepared to cope with their first classroom problems.

A kindergarten is not an institution devoted only to the entertainment and care of small children. It recognizes certain educational responsibilities such as development of health concepts, instruction in organized community life, development of manual skills, introduction of the pupils to rhythm, music, art, and other expressions and appreciations.

It is obvious that children who have the benefit of kindergarten training have a distinct advantage when they enter first grade. Kindergarten pupils are given opportunities to participate in actual social situations and they are initiated to the elemental phases of reading, writing and numbers. Interests are developed and widened as they progress with the group. It is a

foundation without equal for the first grade; it is the threshold of those first experiences that are most meaningful in a child's life.

### TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

The following is a quotation from Chapter 71, Section 68 of the General Laws: "If the distance between a child's residence and the school he is entitled to attend exceeds two miles and the nearest school bus stop is more than one mile from such residence and the school committee declines to furnish transportation, the department, upon appeal of the parent or guardian of the child may require the town to furnish the same for a part or for all of the distance between such residence and the school. . . ."

The present policy, as established by vote of the School Committee on October 4, 1948, is to provide transportation for pupils in grades 1 to 4 who live a distance of one mile or more from school, and to pupils in grades 5 to 12 who live one and one-half or more miles from school. The busses in general follow the main traveled roads and it is necessary for some pupils to walk a short distance to and from their homes to regular bus stops.

Definite routes have been established and adequate service is being given. It is only in extreme bad weather or when roads are in icy condition that the busses will have difficulty in making their scheduled runs.

Pupils given transportation as of January 1, 1949:

<u>School Attended</u>	<u>No. Pupils</u>
Mary E. Wells High	40
Marcy Street	56
West Street	16
River Street	8
Cole Trade High	9
Eastford Road	17
Charlton Street	16
Notre Dame	87
St. Mary's	20
Sacred Heart	25
Total	294

## BEHAVIOR OF PUPILS

Several reports from bus drivers as well as parents have been received from time to time regarding misbehavior, loud disturbing talk, and unnecessary roughness on some of the busses. It is only fair to expect that pupils behave themselves in an orderly manner on all school busses, and the cooperation of all parents is requested in this important matter. Any pupil who persists in disobeying the elementary rules of good conduct will be put off the bus and be forbidden further use of school bus transportation until the matter is settled with the parents and the Superintendent of Schools.

It is most appropriate at this time to point out the provisions of the recent SCHOOL BUS LAW. During the sessions of the Legislature in 1947, there was passed the SCHOOL BUS LAW, a law having to do with the approaching of or passing of school busses on the highway by other vehicles. The following is the law in regard to passing or approaching school busses:

“In approaching and passing a school bus which has been stopped to allow passengers to alight from or board the same, the person operating a motor vehicle shall, except when approaching such school bus from the opposite direction on a divided highway, bring such motor vehicle to a full stop immediately before passing said school bus, and shall not thereafter proceed at a rate of speed in excess of ten miles per hour while passing such school bus; provided that such school bus bears the words ‘School Bus’ in letters of such size and types as are visible at a distance of at least three hundred feet in the direction toward which it is facing and in the reverse direction.”

## SCHOOL AND HOME RELATIONSHIPS

It is universally recognized that a good educational program is concerned with public relations and our nearest public are the parents of these children and youngsters in our schools. Schools do not belong to the teaching profession, nor to any other single group of citizens. Schools operate for the general public good. They are the most public of public institutions. Besides paying the bills, the public should be deeply concerned with what

their schools are doing. Experience in many other communities has shown that only through public interest, alertness, and participation can a community have an outstandingly good school system.

It is gratifying indeed to the present Administration to have seen founded in recent months the several Parent-Teacher Associations in the various elementary school districts. Since modern schools emphasize close home and school relationship, parents need to become active participants in school programs if they are to grasp the significance of school, and it is equally true that teachers cannot work understandingly with children until they are acquainted with home backgrounds. This partnership should be a UNION HAVING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SINGLE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING THE CHILD. This is a basic philosophy and to that end teachers will even be encouraged to promote it by home visits. Every effort will be made to create a mutual understanding between the school and the home.

It may very well be that we have reached a point in the development of our town when every citizen is confronted with the choice as to whether the town will slip back or move ahead; whether it will deteriorate or grow; whether it will decline or progress. Only one answer is to be expected; we shall not be content to gaze backward with resignation when we can look forward with confidence.

As the citizens of Southbridge take steps to solve some of the most baffling problems of their corporate existence, their schools, too, look with confidence to the opportunity of helping to build a better town through better schools.

The above observations have been a mere consideration of some of the important topics concerning the administration of your schools.

In conclusion, I wish to express my intense appreciation to the entire personnel of the department for their loyalty and co-operation, for their conscientious and efficient work during the year. To the citizens of Southbridge my heartfelt thanks for their cooperation in assisting to solve the many problems of the

school year. We are equally indebted to the other town departments who have been willing to assist us by pooling their respective facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BOURGEOIS,  
Superintendent of Schools

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1947 to July, 1948. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1948 to January 1, 1949.

I.—SCHOOL BUILDINGS (Including Cole Trade H. S.)—1948  
No. Buildings—Occupied 7 No. Buildings—Unoccupied 0  
No. Classrooms—Occupied 84 No. Classrooms—Unoccupied 0

II.—TEACHERS (Including Cole Trade High School)  
Number Men Teachers 34 Number Women Teachers 57

### III.—PUPILS

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7	542
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,475
Between the ages of 14 and 16	360

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,377
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Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1947	1948
From September to June	1,644	1,574
Number between 5 and 7	143	169
Number between 7 and 14	923	860
Number between 14 and 16	337	313
Number over 16 years of age	241	232
Average membership	1,565	1,299
Average daily attendance	1,498	1,462

## STATISTICAL REPORT (Continued)

## Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME

From September to June	574	648
Number between 5 and 7	146	147
Number between 7 and 14	364	428
Number between 14 and 16	48	57
Number over 16 years of age	16	16
Average membership	552	658
Average daily attendance	533	608

## Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC

From September to June	343	331
Number between 5 and 7	27	83
Number between 7 and 14	241	229
Number between 14 and 16	21	18
Number over 16 years of age	1	1
Average membership	375	318
Average daily attendance	354	313

## Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S

From September to June	222	218
Number between 5 and 7	22	34
Number between 7 and 14	157	155
Number between 14 and 16	23	23
Number over 16 years of age	20	6
Average membership	221	220
Average daily attendance	208	210

## Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

From September to June	208	145
Number between 14 and 16	77	78
Number over 16 years of age	131	67
Average membership	145	132
Average daily attendance	134	124

Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL

From September to June	102	90
Number over 16 years of age	102	90
Average membership	60	55
Average daily attendance	57	52

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1948

				Tot.	Aver.		
	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Mem.	Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
M. E. Wells H. S.	210	281	491	491	445.81	468.98	97.17
Charlton St. Gr. 8	9	15	24	24	22.67	23.15	98.05
Charlton St. Gr. 7	17	17	34	35	33.12	34.05	97.47
Charlton St. Gr. 6a	11	13	24	24	22.93	24.00	94.74
Charlton St. Gr. 6b	12	12	24	24	20.98	22.5	96.86
Charlton St. Gr. 5	16	20	36	36	33.64	34.89	96.39
Charlton St. Gr. 4a	10	9	19	19	17.78	18.26	97.31
Charlton St. Gr. 4b	18	9	27	28	24.98	26.69	94.70
Charlton St. Gr. 3a	13	14	27	27	24.41	25.59	90.45
Charlton St. Gr. 3b	14	11	25	27	25.17	26.08	96.59
Charlton St. Gr. 2	15	12	27	26	23.10	24.77	93.76
Charlton St. Gr. 1	11	16	27	28	24.48	26.15	94.07
Total	146	148	294	298	273.26	286.13	95.49**
East'rd Rd. Gr. 8	8	14	22	22	20.61	21.08	97.73
East'rd Rd. Gr. 7	17	12	29	29	26.60	27.82	95.5
East'rd Rd. Gr. 6	12	17	29	29	26.77	27.77	96.39
East'rd Rd. Gr. 5	8	12	20	20	17.75	18.52	95.95
East'rd Rd. Gr. 4	15	14	29	30	27.43	28.64	95.79
East'rd Rd. Gr. 3	15	20	35	35	32.27	33.87	95.27
East'rd Rd. Gr. 2	18	20	38	37	33.48	35.73	93.73
East'rd Rd. Gr. 1a	14	11	25	25	22.98	23.91	96.10
East'rd Rd. Gr. 1b	14	11	25	25	22.27	23.75	94.21
Total	121	131	252	252	230.16	241.09	95.63**

\*\* An Average.

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTER (Continued)

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
Marcy St. Gr. 8	14	10	24	25	21.54	22.51	95.68
Marcy St. Gr. 7	15	13	28	32	27.19	28.00	94.98
Marcy St. Gr. 6	12	10	22	26	20.07	21.49	93.38
Marcy St. Gr. 5	14	13	27	28	26.29	27.47	95.90
Marcy St. Gr. 4	22	11	33	34	31.87	33.12	96.23
Marcy St. Gr. 3	14	14	28	29	26.36	27.05	97.46
Marcy St. Gr. 2*	22	10	32	35	27.34	29.01	94.22
Marcy St. Gr. 1*	22	16	38	41	33.09	35.29	93.75
Total	135	97	232	250	213.75	223.94	95.20**
West St. Gr. 8	9	17	26	29	26.70	27.33	94.24
West St. Gr. 7	11	19	30	30	23.41	24.66	94.93
West St. Gr. 6	20	13	33	33	25.29	26.67	94.74
West St. Gr. 5a	13	11	24	24	21.40	22.60	94.70
West St. Gr. 5b	7	15	22	24	22.37	23.03	95.67
West St. Gr. 4	20	17	37	37	33.82	35.36	95.64
West St. Gr. 3	19	20	39	39	36.83	37.72	97.06
West St. Gr. 2*	12	21	33	36	31.20	32.60	95.72
West St. Gr. 1*	17	14	31	39	30.13	32.44	94.08
Total	128	147	275	291	251.15	262.41	95.08**
River St. Gr. 1	2	0	2	—	—	—	—
River St. Special	17	0	17	26	16.33	17.57	93.06
River St. ungraded	6	7	13	26	15.40	16.52	93.31
Total	25	7	32	52	31.73	34.09	93.18**

\* Includes 18 boys and 7 girls transferred to River Street School when reopened, November 4, 1947.

\*\* An Average.

## ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1947 — June 1948 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot.		
I	16	47	4			1									68		
II		19	33	4	5	1									62		
III			13	41	8	5	4	3							74		
IV				19	26	10	4	1							60		
V					18	29	13	8	1	2					71		
VI						15	25	12	7	5					64		
VII							13	29	11	6	2				61		
VIII								12	28	13	3				56		
IX									17	44	14	1			76		
X										1	19	37	10	4	71		
XI												21	28	14	63		
XII													1	27	36	6	70
Ungraded						1				1	2	3					7
Total	16	66	50	64	58	61	59	65	66	91	81	66	54	6	803		

## ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1947 — June 1948 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot.	
I	19	56	5												80	
II		11	39	17		1	1								69	
III			17	44	11	4	4								80	
IV				10	49	11	8	4	3						85	
V					7	19	17	11	3						57	
VI						8	24	14	9	8	4				67	
VII							6	21	12	15	4	2			60	
VIII								7	23	3	5	1			39	
IX									11	26	10				47	
X										1	8	32	11	3	1	56
XI												11	30	12	5	58
XII													16	24	9	49
Ungraded						2	2	1	2	2	6	7	1			23
Total	19	67	61	71	69	45	61	59	64	66	73	61	39	15		770

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

## SEPARATIONS

January—Resigned—Cecelia Lamy	River Street School
February—Resigned—Barbara Bilsey	Eastford Rd. School
March—Resigned—John T. Maloney	River Street School
April—Resigned—Grace Keenan	Mary E. Wells High School
June—Retired—Laura B. Desmarais	Marcy Street School
June—Resigned—Irma Sherin	West Street School
June—Separated—Mary Lynch	Marcy Street School
June—Separated—Mary Winn	Eastford Road School
July—Resigned—Hannah B. Cook	Mary E. Wells High School
July—Resigned—Norman G. Tardiff	Mary E. Wells H. S.
July—Resigned—Frank J. Jordan	Charlton Street School
July—Resigned—Dorothy E. Cargill	Charlton Street School
August—Resigned—Edith C. Howes	Charlton Street School
August—Separated—Alma Abramson	Charlton Street School
September—Resigned—George Kerivan	Cole Trade H. S.
October—Resigned—Helen Melvin	Charlton Street School

## APPOINTMENTS

February—Ellwood S. Jenness, Jr.	Eastford Road School
March—Claude D. Lacouture	Industrial Arts
August—Theodore T. Finnerty	Charlton Street School
August—Malcolm F. Nash	West Street School
August—Robert B. Wilkie	Marcy Street School
August—Arthur D. Lane	Mary E. Wells High School
August—John C. Welch	Mary E. Wells High School
August—Mary V. Thornton	Eastford Road School
August—Gladys Howes	Charlton Street School
August—Evangeline Towse	River Street School
August—Francis Beaudette	River Street School
September—Helen Melvin	Charlton Street School
September—Josette Maynard	Charlton Street School
October—Helen Golden	Charlton Street School
November—Ruth E. Mahan	Eastford Road School
November—Ann I. Richardson	Charlton Street School
December—Alice Sullivan	Charlton Street School

## CORPS OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1949

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
William L. Bourgeois, A.B.	M.A. 1946	Superintendent—Assumption College (a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Harvard (c), University of Paris, France (c), University of Connecticut (c)	
Robert B. Phillips, A.B.	M.Ed 1947	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement — Clark University (a), Boston University (b) (c)	
Marjorie Nichols, B.S.Ed.	M.A. 1943	Elementary School Supervisor —North Adams (a), Columbia (b) (c), Fitchburg T. C. (c)	
Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B.	B. Music 1947	Music Supervisor—Wells College (a), New York U. (c), Schola Cantorum, Paris (c), Surette School (c), Christiansen School (c), Diller Quaile School (c)	
Constance M. L'Ecuyer,	B.S.Ed., M.A. 1940	Director of Americanization—Fitchburg T. C. (a), B. U. (b), Boston Nursery School, Smith College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia U., Extension Courses (c)	
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Superintendent—Becker's Business College	

NOTES:—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
 (b) Master's Degree  
 (c) Graduate Work

## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
James M. Robertson, B.S.	M.Ed. 1937	Principal—Boston University (a) (b) (c), Harvard (c), Mass. Extension Service (c), Rhode Island College of Education (c)	
Nora B. Adams	1947	Secretary to Principal—Mary E. Wells High School	
Paulin M. Aucoin, B.S.	1921	Commercial, Treasurer of Stu- dent Activities Funds—Bos- ton University (a) (c)	
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S.	Ed. 1935	English, Speech, Modern His- tory—Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c)	
Kathryn Beauregard, A.B.	M.A. 1922	French, Spanish, Jr. Red Cross— Middlebury (a) (b), Boston University (c)	
Claire Birtz	1937	Art—Worcester School of Art, Boston University	
Rose Brodeur, B.S.	1939	Social Studies, Dramatic Club— Boston University (a) (c), N. Y. University (c), Middle- bury (c)	
Constance Coderre, B.S.	1929	Commercial, Student Council— Simmons (a), Boston Univer- sity (c), Columbia (c)	
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics, Sr. Red Cross —Fitchburg T. C., Wheaton, Simmons	

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(c) Graduate Work

## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B.			
M.Ed.	1926	English, Crimson and Gray— Radeliffe (a), Boston Univer- sity (b)	
C. Estelle Hefner,			
Ph.B.	1933	Latin—Brown University (a), Boston University (c)	
Persis F. Howe, B.S.Ed.	1930	Commercial—Salem T. C. (a), Columbia (c), Clark (c)	
Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S.			
Ed.	1940	Home Economics—Framingham T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (c) Lesley College	
Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B.			
M.A.	1933	Biology, History, Coach—Tufts (a) (b), Boston University (c), University of Conn. (c)	
Eino Laakso, A.B.,			
M.A.	1945	Algebra, General Science, Eng- lish—Clark (a) (b), Boston University (c)	
Arthur D. Lane, B.S.Ed.			
M.Ed., M.A.	1948	Social Studies—Fitchburg T. C. (a) (b), Clark (c)	
Cecile P. LeClair,			
B.S.Ed., M.A.	1936	English—Worcester T. C. (a), Columbia (b) (c),	
Harry J. McMahon,			
Ph.B., M.Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Physics, Coach—Holy Cross (a), Boston University (b), Harvard (c)	

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## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Flora Tait, B.S.Ed., M.A.	1939	English, Talent Show—Framing- ham T. C. (a), Boston Univer- sity (b), Cornell (c)	
Liberty Themistocles, A.B.	1946	Social Studies, English, Coach— Emmanuel (a), Columbia (c), Harvard (c)	
Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.	1927	Commercial—Salem T. C. (a) Boston University (c)	
Lindzay Varnam, B.S.	1943	Geometry, Algebra—Colby (a), Boston University (c)	
Elsie Wanerka, B.S.Ed.	1945	Commercial—Salem T. C. (a)	
John E. Welch, B.S.	1948	Mathematics, Science, Coach— Holy Cross (a), Boston Uni- versity (c), Harvard (c)	

## COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Clark H. Morrell, B.S.Ed.	1931	Director—Boston University, U. of N. H., Brown U., Oswego T. C., Clark U., Fitchburg T. C. (a) Machinist (a)	
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director—N. E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, U. of Me.	
Maureen A. Baybutt	1946	Clerk—Feener Business School, U. of Me.	
Harold A. Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating (d)— Worcester Boys' Trade, Went- worth Institute, Fitchburg T. C.	

NOTES:—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
 (b) Master's Degree  
 (c) Graduate Work  
 (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience

CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)  
 COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
John L. Benson	1942	Drafting (d)—Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.	
George H. Braman	1938	Mathematics and Trade Drawing (d)—Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.	
Francis E. Couture	1945	Electrical (d)—Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W. P. I.	
William Delaney, B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	1940	English, Civics—Boston College, Boston University (a), Boston T. C. (b), Fitchburg T. C. (c)	
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Applied Science, Physics—Cole Trade, Fitchburg T.C., Clark, Worcester Jr. College	
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work (d)—Cole Trade, Fitchburg T. C., University Extension	
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing (d)—Southbridge H. S.	
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop (d)—General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T. C., Northeastern	
William A. Julien, A.B.	1945	Mathematics, History, Economics—Manhattan College (a), Columbia (c), Boston University (c)	
Emery A. Lavallee	1926	Guidance and Supervision. Building Maintenance Officer—Fitchburg T. C., Southbridge Industrial, M. E. Wells High, Draftsman (d), W. P. I.	

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 (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience

CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)  
 COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
William Nickerson	1941	General Vocational, Wood Cabinetmaking (d)—Norwich University, Fitchburg T. C.	
William Paul	1942	General Vocational, Machine—Lowell Institute, Fitchburg T. C.	
Mario Pellegrini	1947	Sheet Metal (d)—Northeastern University	
Frank P. Skinyon, B.S.Ed.	1934	Cabinet, Patternmaking (d)—Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (c)	
Lawrence Swenson	1932	Related Science and Mathematics—Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C., Boston University, Machinist (d), Drafting (d)	

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A.B.

M.Ed. 1944 Principal, Physical Ed.—  
 Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern University (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c)

Elizabeth Curtis, A.B.

B.S.Ed. 1944 Grade 4, Physical Ed.—Boston University (a), Salem T. C. (a), Harvard (c)

NOTES:—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
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 (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience

CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)  
CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
T. Thomas Finnerty, A.B., M.A.	1948	Grade 6, English—Boston College (a), Boston College Graduate (b), Boston University (c) U. S. Extension (c), Boston College Graduate School (c), Harvard University (c)	
Helen R. Golden	1948	Grade 2—Our Lady of the Elms, Hyannis T. C. (c)	
Irene V. Gough	1914	Social Studies, Grades 7, 8; Science Grade 6; Literature Grades 7, 8; Music Grades 6, 7, 8; Penmanship Grade 7; Citizenship Grade 7—Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension Courses	
Gladys Howes, B.S.Ed.	1948	Grade 4—Colby College, Washington State Normal, Farmington State Normal, Wittenberg College, University of Maine (a), Boston University (c)	
Dorothy M. Locke	1943	Grade 3—Framingham T. C., University Extension Courses	
Josette Maynard, A.B.	1948	Grade 7; Social Studies Grades 6, 7; Science Grades 7, 8; Art Grade 6—College of Our Lady of the Elms	
Ann I. Richardson, B.E.	1948	Grade 5—Plymouth T. C., Plymouth, N. H. (a)	
Eva Salviuolo, B.S. Ed.	1943	Grade 1—Worcester T. C. (a)	

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CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)  
CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Math. Grades 6. 7. 8; Citizenship Grade 8; Penmanship Grade 8; Art Grade 7—State Teachers College, West Chester, Pa., University Extension Courses	
Alice F. Sullivan (taught 1925-1930)	1948	Grade 1—Our Lady of the Elms, Columbia U., Boston University Extension	
Florida G. Tarquinio, B.S.Ed.	1942	Grade 5—Worcester T. C. (a), Clark University (c)	

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Raoul O. Lataille, A.B. M.Ed.	1939	Principal, Coaching, Physical Ed., Individual Teaching—Assumption (a), Boston University (b)	
Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed.	1939	Social Studies Grades 6, 7, 8; Science 6, 7—Westfield T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (c), University Extension Courses.	
Marjorie F. Campbell, B.S.Ed.	1933	English Grades 6, 7, 8; Literature Grades 6, 7, 8,; Spelling Grades 6, 7, 8; Remedial Reading Grades 6, 7, 8—Bridgewater T. C. (a), Simmons (c), Columbia (c), Harvard (c), Boston University (c)	
Bertha E. Foley	1912	Grade 2—Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses	

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CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)  
EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Ellwood S. Jenness, B.S.	1948	Grade 5, Music Grades 6, 7, 8— Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c)	
Myrtle B. Jodrey	1944	Math. Grades 6, 7, 8; Science Grades 5, 6; Art Grades 6, 7; Reading Grade 6—Fitchburg T. C. (a), University Extension Courses	
Ruth E. Mahan	1948	Grade 1—Worcester T. C., Co- lumbia University	
Bridie McSweeney B.S.Ed.	1945	Grade 4—Willimantic T. C. (a)	
Cathryn E. Maxwell	1945	Grade 1—Lowell T. C.	
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3—St. Joseph's Normal University Extension Courses	
Mary V. Thornton	1948	Grade 2—Hyannis T. C.	

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Constance M. L'Ecyer, B.S.Ed., M.A.	1940	Principal, English—Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Boston Nursery School, Smith College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia University, Extension Courses (c)	
Mabel A. Chamberlain	1902	Grade 1—University Extension Courses	
Camella Dintini, B.S.Ed.	1940	Grade 4—Worcester T. C. (a), Clark, Harvard (c)	

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## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## MARCY STREET SCHOOL (Continued)

M. Elsie Hachey	1947	Grade 5—Plymouth T. C., Keene T. C.
Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A.Ed.	1944	Grade 2—Keene T. C. (a)
Ruth Huson	1945	Grade 3—Main State Normal, Hyannis T. C., Boston University, Gorham T. C.
Celestine C. Sweet	1932	Social Studies Grades 6, 7, 8— Our Lady of the Elms College, Hyannis T. C., Worcester T. C., Boston University Extension Courses
Bertha L. Wallace	1922	Math. and English Grades 6, 7, 8 —Hyannis T. C., Boston University Extension Courses
Robert B. Wilkie	1948	Science, English Grades 6, 7, 8, —Boston College (a), University of N. H., Boston T. C. (c)

## RIVER STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A.B., M.Ed.	1944	Principal—Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern University (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c)
Francis A. Beaudette, B.S.	1948	Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Science, Physical Ed.—Fitchburg T. C. (a)

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## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## RIVER STREET SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Freda A. Bisbee	1947	Grades 1, 2—Lesley College, Boston Teachers College, Worcester T. C.	
Clara M. Reed	1918	Social Studies, Crafts, Sewing, Music—Westfield T. C., Worcester Girls' Trade, University Extension, Boston University Extension, Harvard Extension, Worcester T. C.	
Evangeline R. Towse, B.S.Ed.	1948	English, Reading, Spelling, Domestic Science, Physical Ed.—Boston University (a), Salem T. C., Hyannis T. C., University Extension, Boston University (c)	

## WEST STREET SCHOOL

Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal, Art Music—Boston University, Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses	
Corinne E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1—University Extension Courses	
Eva A. Casavant, B.S. M.A.	1933	Social Studies, Grades 6, 7, 8, Gym Grade 7—Worcester T. C. (a), Clark University (b)	
Everett H. Holmes, A.B.	1945	English, Lit., Spelling Grades 6, 7, 8; Coach for Marcy Street—Colby College (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c), University Extension Courses	

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## CORPS OF TEACHERS (Continued)

## WEST STREET SCHOOL (Continued)

Name	App't	Position	Training for Pos.
Malcolm Nash, B.S.Ed.	1948	Social Studies, English, Reading Grade 6; Gym Grade 6; Math., Science Grade 7; Coach— Bridgewater T. C. (a), Bos- ton University (c)	
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2—University Extension Courses	
Emily Roberts, B.S.Ed.	1944	Grade 4—Worcester T. C., Hy- annis T. C. (a), Clark Univer- sity (c), University of N. H. (c)	
Ruth Sampson	1930	Grade 5—Westfield T. C., Uni- versity Extension Courses	
Dorothy M. Sheriffs	1945	Grade 3—Westfield T. C.	
Elinor H. Small, A.B.	1945	Mathematics, Science Grades 6, 8; Art Grade 6—Brown Uni- versity (a), University Ex- tension Courses	

## JANITORS

NAME	APP'T	SCHOOL
Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Philias Caron	1945	Marcy Street School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Valmore Favreau	1947	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street and River Street Schools
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School

NOTES—(a) Bachelor's Degree  
(c) Graduate Work

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my twelfth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1948-1949 is divided as follows: Seniors—115, Juniors—101, Sophomores—111, Freshmen—127, Veterans and Specials—8, making a total of 462 pupils.

### GRADUATION—1948

Diplomas were granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial, and General.

One hundred and twenty-nine pupils were graduated on June 17, 1948, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report, for the information of interested citizens.

### CLASS OF 1948—ACADEMIC

*John Christo Alabashi	Margaret Lorraine Kennedy
*Cynthia Linnea Beck	*Robert Andrew Keyes
Cecelia Louise Bialy	Shirley Helen Laliberte
Anna Lucy Boniface	*Anne Lenore Sylvia Lariviere
*Helen Ruth Boucher	*Ramona Elizabeth LeClaire
*Theodore Gerald Brault	*Patricia Ann Lewis
Joseph Francois Cartier	Carmine John Marinelli
*Philip Bigelow Cheney	*Edward James McQuade
Shirley Ann DiFederico	George Henry Michael
***Raymond Gerard Duff	Metras
*Rita Theresa Duff	*Jean Marguerite Meunier
*Alyne May Eaves	Edwin Arthur Mozley
*Vivianne Claire Ferron	*George Nicholas Nasse
Marilyn Louise Gagnon	*Roberta Grant Palmer
Bertrand Joseph Gendreau	*Pauline Rita Parent
*Pauline Gertrude Hefner	Marion Wood Parker
*Mason Morton Howlett	*Harold Conant Peterson, Jr.
Gwynneth Wheldon Jones	*Nancy Louise Phillips

Armand Joseph Poulin  
 Albert Charles Pulawski  
 \*Murat Regep  
 Hilda Christine Rowett  
 \*Sally-Louise Russell

Joan Carmen Santo  
 \*Thomas Stoupis  
 \*Clare Tully  
 \*Evelyn Helen Waraika  
 Edward Wolocka

## COMMERCIAL

\*Genevieve Elizabeth Beaudry  
 \*Louise Agnes Benoit  
 Lucille Marie Benoit  
 \*George Louis Bibeau  
 \*Claire Lucille Blanchet  
 \*Phyllis Rita Bumpus  
 \*Darcy Dorothy Chase  
 \*Theresa Louise Colognesi  
 \*Rita Leas Corriveau  
 \*Christina Emily Ferguson  
 \*Eleanor Ann Fontana  
 Olimbia George  
 \*Shirley Rachel Girard  
 \*Annette Doris Guillemette

Lois Grace Howlett  
 \*Gloria Theresa Lamoureux  
 \*Lorraine Marie Langevin  
 \*Marie Jeanne LeBlanc  
 \*Rita Marie Martel  
 \*Yvette Gertrude Meunier  
 \*Bertha Theresa Milezewski  
 \*Joan Paul  
 \*Helen Louise Pienta  
 \*Lorraine Marguerite Proulx  
 \*\*Alphonse Edward Provost  
 \*Barbara Theresa Theriault  
 \*Pauline Beatrice Tremblay  
 \*Louisa Ziu

## GENERAL

Roland Michel Antaya  
 \*\*Forrest Arthur Austin  
 \*Febo Bartoli  
 \*\*Leonel Henry Berthiaume  
 David Girard Boudreau  
 Charles William Bruso, Jr.  
 \*\*\*Angelo Peter Ciprari  
 Violette Colombe Demers  
 \*\*John DeNigris, Jr.  
 \*\*John Donald Duffy  
 \*Ernest Albert Duquette  
 Jayne Anne Farquhar  
 Irene Theresa Favreau  
 Napoleon Raymond Favreau  
 \*Grace Lyola Fletcher  
 Paul Raymond Fortin  
 Benjamin Allen Green, Jr.  
 Donald Paul Grenier

John William Arthur  
 Helliwell  
 David William Horsley  
 Roger Orel Lacerte  
 Herman Eugene Langevin  
 \*Veronica Lucille Ledue  
 \*Margaret Rita Lenti  
 Carl Nils Lofgren  
 Joan Elaine Madura  
 Jean Margaret Mannis  
 \*Allan James Martel  
 John Stuart Martel  
 \*Teresa Frances Martin  
 Barbara Eleanor McLean  
 \*\*Philip Harrison McKinstry  
 Thomas Joseph O'Brien  
 Herbert Clark Olney, Jr.  
 \*\*Marcel Aristide Peloquin

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John Bernard Pezzetti, Jr.	Sterrgios John Tanionos
Robert Piazza	*Joseph John Taraskiewicz
*Mary Grace Piccione	*George Antonio
*Gloria Ann Quattrocelli	Tetreault, Jr.
James Robert Rizner	Lloyd Warren Thibeault
Barbara Louise Salva	Alfred Ernest Tremblay
*Ronald Ellsworth	Jeanine Elaine Tremblay
Sheriffs, Jr.	*Hope Marion Venie
*John James Sobieski	**Jesse Meader Voutour
Barbara Virginia	Mildred Ann Wayne
Spreadbury	*Mildred Ellen Whiteoak
*Constance Staves	Edmond Wolocka

\* General average of 80% or above for four years.

\*\* Veterans of World War II.

\*\*\* Veterans having an average of 80% or above.

The courses at the Mary E. Wells High School have been undergoing changes during the past year.

Most notable of these changes is the introduction of the Inter-School program. In this course the boys receive their academic training from Mary E. Wells High School teachers and their vocational training from Cole Trade High School teachers.

The cooperative program of the commercial course went into effect during the past year with eighteen pupils taking part in the program. It is hoped that this particular program will again prove to be successful.

The guidance department of the school has changed during the past year. The guidance director is on a part-time basis only; therefore, some of the guidance work has been delegated to the Dean of Girls and the Veteran's Adviser.

A new innovation at the high school is the mid-morning milk period. This affords a ten-minute break between periods when pupils may purchase a bottle of milk and a doughnut.

The Mary E. Wells High School band was formed during the past year under the sponsorship of the local Rotary Club and directed by Mr. Paul Sweet. It is indeed gratifying to see a uniformed band made up of Southbridge pupils playing at

all home football games. I wish to express publicly my appreciation and thanks to the Southbridge Rotary Club for making this very worthwhile activity a reality.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of the young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper grades easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.

2. That a library be started, and a teacher-librarian be appointed.

3. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

4. That rooms be provided for sick pupils and larger nurse's quarters be installed.

5. That the Household Arts Department be renovated and modern equipment installed as soon as purchase of same is feasible.

6. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.

7. That a Director of Physical Education be appointed.

8. That a men's teachers' room be set up and proper furniture provided for the room.

9. That the high school principal's office be remodelled to allow for a central office, a private office for the Principal,

and an office for the Dean of Girls, with a private conference room.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal  
Mary E. Wells High School

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I hereby submit my annual report. In contrast to my last report, which covered the period from September to January 31, 1948, this report will include all activities for the past twelve months.

Although since last September, this office has been placed on a part-time basis with the director assigned to other duties in addition to those of guidance and placement, we have tried to maintain the same services that were provided previously.

### COUNSELING

The chief function of the guidance director is that of counseling students. With the seniors, he is largely concerned with assisting them to complete realistic educational and vocational plans for the future. This requires a systematic plan of interviews so that all seniors can be given every opportunity and encouragement to recognize their own goals and take definite steps towards them. Among the under-classmen, the outstanding problems to be dealt with, besides those of formulating educational and vocational choices, are in choosing courses and

gaining the maximum from their high school experiences. In this matter the teachers have been very helpful in not only counseling the students directly but in referring cases to the guidance office.

### TESTING

As a means of obtaining information about pupils and diagnosing difficulties, a well-developed testing program has been administered. Mental ability tests are given to every pupil who lacks records of previous testing in the junior-high school grades and to all juniors and seniors who have not had a recent test in high school. In the line of achievement tests, the Iowa Educational Development Tests were given to all freshmen and juniors, the complete battery of Stanford Achievement Tests to most freshmen, and miscellaneous other tests to pupils needing special diagnosis. This year we intend to add the Cooperative Achievement Tests as a final examination in several of the specific subject-matter fields. Aptitude tests are given chiefly to eighth grade students and to special high-school students requiring this information. Interest inventories are given in the freshmen and junior years of high school. All this information, derived from tests in the high school, in addition to that secured by the Supervisor of Elementary Schools and recorded in the cumulative records, is of prime importance in counseling students throughout high school.

### OCCUPATIONAL PLACEMENT

The occupational placement service is a very active function of the guidance department. Its purpose is not only to help both employers and pupils meet employment needs, but also to give pupils valuable work experience. An average of 280 pupils are continually registered in our placement files and, at the present time, over 100 pupils are engaged in part-time work.

### COUNSELING—EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS

In addition to the counseling of high-school students, last May I interviewed every eighth grade boy in the town in an effort to help them choose their curricula and plan their courses in high school and trade school. This was found to be an inval-

able procedure not only in that it gave pupils assistance supplementing that regularly given by the principals, but it also gave me an opportunity to become better acquainted with these pupils before they entered the high school.

Since September, Mrs. LeClair, the Dean of Girls, has been assigned two periods a day for her duties. This extra time has allowed her to do far more extensive counselling besides her weekly classes in orientation for the freshmen girls. At the present time she and I are engaged in formulating a course of study in mental hygiene for freshmen and sophomores which we shall submit to the School Committee for its approval.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all teachers and principals for their cooperation during the past year. For their willingness to assist in every possible way, I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PHIPPS

Director of Guidance and Placement

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the following report of my work for the year 1948.

The emphasis for improving the pupils' instruction this year has been determined by a felt need for better spelling and the ability to attack new words in reading, based upon the skill of phonetics. Therefore, stress has been placed on more and better teaching of phonics. Of equal importance was the need to train pupils in rapid and accurate arithmetic calculations. A definite program of drills in phonics and arithmetic fundamentals is now in progress. Teachers' meetings and in-

dividual conferences have been directed toward this accomplishment.

Because of the large number of teacher replacements due to the resignation of many teachers and the transfer of other teachers to different grades and buildings, an effort has been made to give greater assistance to these teachers, through observations, conferences, and materials of instruction. The procedures followed are the same as in previous years.

The following is a brief summary of the various activities of this year, which have been somewhat curtailed by the elimination of any clerical help in the office, necessitating time spent in typing and recording test results and other routine matters.

### TESTING

A larger proportion of time this year has been spent in the administering of individual tests. Ninety-eight individual mental capacity tests were given, varying in length from one-half hour to two hours; of these, forty-two were pre-school tests, and eighteen entire grades were tested, as well as two smaller groups of children. Thus a total of one hundred mental ability tests were given.

Another important area of testing is for achievement, namely those tests which help determine the grade placement of a child, and help in analyzing the entire school system to see whether the pupils measure up to the standards set throughout our nation for the various grade levels. The grades given these achievement tests are the first grade, the fifth, and eighth grades. Other grades were included when there was a special need for measurement. Fifty-five individual children, nineteen entire grades, and eight smaller groups of children make a total of eighty-two achievement tests administered. These tests consume anywhere from one half a day to two days' time. The correction, tabulation of results, analysis, and typing of results, and the final recording of them on the pupil's individual record card also consumes time.

### CONFERENCES

One of the best in-service supervisory techniques is that of the individual conference. It has been used widely with teach-

ers here and with other co-workers. Some of these conferences are short and informal in nature; others are longer and more formal, depending upon the purpose and need. Twenty-seven small group conferences and three hundred eighty-five individual conferences are itemized as follows: eleven with the Superintendent of Schools, one hundred and twenty-seven with the principals of the buildings, one hundred and eighty with the teachers, twenty with the Guidance Director, four with the school nurse, fourteen with parents, thirteen with representatives from the book companies, and sixteen with others.

### VISITS TO BUILDINGS

Most of the conferences with principals and teachers and, of course, all of the classroom observations took place in the various schools. They were visited on an average of once a week and oftener when there was a need. The following information bears this out: West Street School was visited thirty-five times, Charlton Street School forty-nine times, Eastford Road School, forty-one times, Marcy Street School fifty-two times and River Street School twenty-nine times. In these schools, seventy-seven informal observations were made, and ninety-nine formal observations at which times written notes were taken and used first as a basis for a conference with the teacher observed, and with her Principal, and later used as a report to the Superintendent.

### MEETINGS

During the year, sixteen teachers' meetings were held; four meetings of administrators were attended; eight meetings out of town were attended, and four demonstration classes were taught.

There has been a steady and very definite improvement in the quality of instruction, in the materials used, and in the achievement standards of the pupils, which now measure up to, or excell the national norms for the various grades. Our first grades are exceptional in their attainments. The parents and teachers of Southbridge can well be proud of their elementary schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS, Supervisor  
Elementary Schools

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for your consideration and approval.

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	Coop.	Day	Total
In school at end of year (Dec. 1948)	47	144	191
Graduated	23	14	37
Certificated	—	7	7
Entering Industry trained for	1	5	6
Entering other occupations	1	37	38
Entering armed service	3	6	9
Unfit for trade subjects	—	4	4
Returned to Grammar or High School	—	8	8
Left because of illness	—	4	4
Left town	1	4	5
Transferred to Coop. School	—	28	28
Transferred to Day School	5	—	5
Total membership for the year 1948	81	261	342
Enrolled during year	31	118	149

### GRADUATES

#### COOPERATIVE DIPLOMAS

##### CABINET COURSE

Courtland James Martel	William John Kochanowski
Hector Arthur Martel	Joseph Anthony Sokolowski
Alexander Lawrence Miller	Emil Edward Maly
Norman Albert Proulx	

##### DRAFTING COURSE

Ludwig Edward Czyzewski	Edward Swierzbin
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##### ELECTRIC COURSE

Robert Ovide Bousquet	William Leon Keily
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##### FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Charles Peter Drazba	Gerald Richard Lippe
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## MACHINE COURSE

Alfred Joseph Albetski	Ronald Patrick Houle
Walter Peter Bomba	Lawrence Arthur Libby
Lincoln Grant Chatterton	Walter Richard Piechota
John Joseph Chmielewicz	Richard Armand Reopel
Stanislaw Joseph Cuikay	Theodore Joseph Ziemiński
David Pansar Peterson	

## PRINTING COURSE

Carl Arthur Austin	Francis Bernard Fitzgibbons
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## SHEET METAL COURSE

Joseph Felix Paquin	George Walter Weiss
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## VOCATIONAL HIGH DIPLOMAS

## AUTOMOBILE COURSE

Norman Joseph Demers
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## DRAFTING COURSE

Roger Gerard Briere	Joseph Elmer Tkacik, Jr.
Norman Alfred Lapointe	Chester Raymond Milas
Leon Omer Poulin	Harold Vasil Bicki
John Andrew Ryan	Leonel Syriac

## VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL DIPLOMAS

## DRAFTING COURSE

Guy Clayton Cudworth	Robert Elwood Clark
Robert Edward Dargie	George Alfred Beaudry
Louis Joseph Decataldi	Roland Armond Phaneuf

## EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Courses	Instructor	No. Enrolled
Cabinetmaking I	Frank P. Skinyon	17
Cabinetmaking II	William C. Nickerson	12
Drafting	George H. Braman	21
Electrical	Francis Couture	18
Machine	Leo J. Grenier	13
Applied Mathematics	Lawrence Swenson	14
Plumbing	Antonio Blanchet	18
Furniture Refinishing	Harold Andrews	12

## VETERANS TRAINING ACTIVITIES UNDER G. I. BILL 346 and 16

The flexibility of the trade training programs offered veterans has proven advantageous to their welfare. Thirty more veterans are among the graduates this year. They have all been placed in lucrative jobs with security and good promise of advancement.

These veterans were adjusted in our programs with varying education, background and experience. They were also admitted at any time convenient to them. Some are married and have established homes. Many are employed afternoons and evenings. They respect and value greatly what the citizens of Southbridge have done for them in providing the opportunities this school affords. They are distinctly gratified and this education and training will pay back to society, by their services, many times the amount of investment made on them.

Twelve veterans are in training under Bill 16 and ninety-four under Bill 346. Twenty-nine veterans are registered as special students who are taking short courses of one and two years. These students get sufficient experience to enter the "other on-the-job training programs," which is sponsored by the State Department of Education. The supervision of the program is a responsibility of this school. One hundred and thirteen veterans are registered with one hundred and two business establishments. Thirty-four completed their training during the year. Apprentice training is another activity largely employed by veterans who look to this school for 150 hours a year of instruction in mathematics, science and drawing, which particularly relates to their trade. Wherein this school cannot supply instruction it must find facilities in other trade schools which can supply the needs.

## CHANGE IN TRAINING FACILITIES

I wish to give public recognition to the persistent and untiring efforts of the Cole Trade High Advisory Committee in justifying the abandonment of the Mechanic Street School and the re-establishment of the Vocational Academic, related and shop classes in the Mary E. Wells High building. For a permanent record I list the names of this committee who have promoted this project since 1945:

Charles E. Hart, Chairman  
Hector P. LeClair, Secretary  
John I. Morris  
Arthur E. Proulx  
Adolph Prahm  
Lawrence K. Foote  
Joseph Phaneuf  
Stephen Simonelli  
Oswald Laliberte  
Barker Schofield  
Antonio Blanchet  
Robert Eves  
Arthur Tieri  
Edgar Tremblay  
Clifford Mongeon

Along with the change in location of the vocational training classes, the project was further realized by the extension of the vocational curriculum to freshmen and sophomores of Mary E. Wells High and designated as the Inter-School Vocational High program.

Further developments of the project are also of considerable importance. An Industrial Arts and a Manual Arts program was established last March. The former is a compulsory program of shop activities for the 7th and 8th grade boys who attend four hours a week. The latter is a program for boys in remedial classes who attend shop classes every afternoon each week. There is good evidence to justify the institution of these programs in line with the purpose so well stated by Mr. Bourgeois in his 1947 report: "It will become necessary to reinstate the Industrial Arts program in grades seven and eight, thereby giving our pupils an earlier insight on the significance of the various occupations and help them answer more wisely life's calling." The approval of this project by the School Committee is also justly deserving.

This and other changes necessitated outstanding projects for several trade departments of the school. The most noteworthy were:

1. Dismantling the shower room in the Mary E. Wells building and installing machinery for the Machine shop.

2. Installing machinery for the Woodworking and General Metal Industrial Arts shops in the Mary E. Wells building.
3. Painting and Decorating the corridors and Director's office in the Cole Trade High building, the domestic science room, lunch room, and machine shop in the Mary E. Wells building; the three rooms to be used for the kindergarten classes at the Mechanic Street School.
4. Building dugouts and other appurtenances at Dresser Field; repairing steps at River Street School and general renovations at Mechanic Street School.
5. Installation of emergency lighting in all schools; installation of lighting and power in newly created shops; renovation of lighting facilities at Mechanic Street School.

For these extensive and worthy services I hereby give due credit to Mr. Emery Lavallee, Mr. Frank Skinyon, Mr. Harold Andrews, Mr. Francis Couture, Mr. William Nickerson, Mr. William Paul, Mr. Leo Grenier and Mr. Mario Pellegrini.

### WAR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A quantity of hand tools were received from the State Department of Education valued at \$350. The cost to the town was \$41.

Mr. George Kerivan resigned as instructor of Physics and Physical Education.

### RECOGNITION BY AWARDS

Emil Maly was awarded a trophy by the Cole Trade Alumni for being the most outstanding student of the graduating class.

Ronald Houle was awarded a trophy by the Cole Trade Alumni for being the most outstanding athlete of the Graduating Class. These awards were made by Mr. Rosaire Lafleche, President of the Alumni Association.

The cooperative Machine Department under the instruction of Mr. Nels Johnson was awarded a nine-year safety commendation for not having a lost-time accident during this period. The award was presented by Mr. George Wells, President of the American Optical Company.

### OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Twenty-nine machine tools were declared obsolete and turned over to the Selectmen for disposal.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A conference was held with the Advisory Committee regarding the replacement of machine equipment. It was recommended to the School Committee that an evaluation of present equipment be made and a plan devised to replace periodically such equipment when it becomes obsolete for school use.

2. I recommend that the Federal funds known as "Smith-Hughes" be used to further Vocational Education for which it is annually received by the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MORRELL, Director,  
Cole Trade High School

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

Our function of supervision and guidance in matters pertaining to the health of our school children was carried out through the medium of two main activities, viz. (a) annual physical examinations, and (b) daily inspection of children, having been absent on account of illness, before their readmission to school.

A total of 1,209 physical examinations were performed in the course of the past year, disclosing a grand total of 405 physical defects. Of these defects, 288 were deemed of sufficient moment to call for the immediate attention of the parents, who were accordingly sent special notices, urging prompt medical consultation. The remaining 177 defects noted were of a lesser nature, requiring only observation for the present or, in some instances, individual guidance which was stressed at the time of the examination. Postural defects—not due to organic disturbance—as well as neglected oral hygiene were pointed out to the individual pupil, where required, by means of illustrative charts and pamphlets as well as personal instruction; the importance of good posture for the child's health, appearance and efficiency was particularly stressed. Oral hygiene with the necessity for regular and frequent brushing of teeth was also given a very prominent part in our individual instructions.

As in the past, one hour daily on school days (8 A.M.—9 A.M.) was set aside at our office for the purpose of inspecting those children who had been absent for three days or more on account of illness and of issuing, where warranted, a certificate of health for the child's return to school. It is felt that thereby the health of the children already in school is safeguarded to some extent from the possibility of severe contagious disease being carried into schools. Needless to mention that certificates of health issued by the private physician in attendance on specific cases are considered to fulfill our object.

Whereas, in the past, no concerted effort had been attempted to obtain a statistical record of the various illnesses

causing our children to be absent from school, this year a special certificate form was devised which should prove of value in computing not only the number of absences through sickness but the nature of the illnesses responsible for such absence. This form bears the name of the child returning to school after illness, his school and grade, as well as the reason—where possible of determination—for his absence, and the date of his return to school. These certificates are to be received by the individual teachers and turned in to the respective principals, who in turn will forward them to the school nurse's office on the last Friday of each month, and there the information will be tabulated. Through this means it is anticipated that trends in illness in the various schools and at various seasons may be determined, and that by timely practical suggestions to pupils, parents, or teachers, some factors contributing to illness and increased absence from school may be eliminated.

Periodic sanitary inspection of the school buildings was done and hygienic conditions were found to be of a general high order. By way of suggestion to the School Committee for consideration in any plans entertained for the future expansion of our school buildings, we would at this time point out the need for special quarters for the use of the School Health Department. Provision of such quarters with proper light, quiet, and privacy is needed not only for more accurate work on the part of the physician, but also for the educational value it would afford the children by the atmosphere provided.

This is our opportunity to extend our expression of deep appreciation to all the personnel of the School Department for the sympathetic cooperation and generous collaboration of all, which has added to the pleasure of our work and contributed in no small measure to the maintenance of a high standard of health in the schools of Southbridge. The cooperation of the medical profession in the town as well as that of all health agencies has been of decided assistance in whatever success we may have had.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M.D.  
School Physician.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In our School Medical Department, we consider the total health program on a long-time basis and in relation to the acquirement of desirable attitudes, knowledge, and practices.

One of the most important responsibilities of the school physician and the school nurse is to make the health examination a constructive learning experience for each child. Our examination could easily constitute a wholesome emotional experience or quite the reverse. We try to make ours the kind which will be of the greatest educational value and contribute most to the child's emotional health—the kind in which we are able to help the child understand his own growth and development—one in which we show respect for and understanding of the child.

Health of the body must be accompanied by health of the mind and spirit. True health is not merely absence of detectable disease. It is less a state than a goal. It consists of the full enjoyment of all the potentialities with which a child was endowed at birth. Not only must those responsible see that no such powers are impaired by disease, but they must see to it that the child has the chance of exercising those powers to bring them to full fruition. Health is really a technique of living.

It is not enough for the parent merely to keep clean, to feed, and to clothe. The real art of the parent is in more difficult and subtler things. The child, when he is entrusted to his parents, is a new individual who possesses, so far as we can tell, neither habits nor ideas of his own. It is the parents' task to see that he learns how to look after himself and how to live with other people and, a fact which is often forgotten, it is part of their duty to launch him into the world and see him established.

The contribution of the nurse in the school involves an understanding of the school's unique functions in safeguarding

and promoting the health of the boys and girls in the community and in her appreciation of her relationship to the planning and fulfillment of the total health program.

She serves as the interpreter between school, home, and community. She understands the health needs of children and serves on the team which includes herself, the school superintendent, the physicians, the school personnel, and a wide variety of community agencies and groups in getting these needs met.

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Twelve hundred nine children were examined. Two hundred twenty-eight defects found and notices were mailed to parents. As usual, the health cards of some children were marked as Observation Cases—those defects are not referred for medical supervision at the time but are reviewed later. One hundred seventy-seven cards were so marked this year—in comparison to the three hundred twenty of last year. Progress may seem somewhat “slow” but it is “sure.” Again defective feet and poor posture heads the list with poor oral hygiene running a close third.

### HOME VISIT PROGRAM

Ninety-seven homes were visited by the nurse. Home visits are made for follow-up of physical examination and for visiting homes of special cases referred by members of the school personnel to the Superintendent of Schools.

One hundred twenty conferences were held with students at the Mary E. Wells High School. Twenty-six parents came to the nurse's office for conferences. Two hundred forty-five students were seen by the nurse in her office. First-aid was rendered to eighteen children of different schools. Only one child had to be referred to the hospital for further care.

### CLASSROOM INSPECTION PROGRAM

Classroom inspections by the nurse are made three times a year—at the beginning of the year, after the Christmas and Easter vacations—also at specific request of the principals or teachers for any special reason or when communicable disease

occurs in a room or school. If any child is found to need more detailed inspection, the nurse has individual conferences until the problem is under control or solved. This may be for habits and attitudes and in many cases it means a series of home visits, individual conferences with each parent, as well as with the child. The nurse also has individual conference with a child when pediculosis and skin conditions exist. Children are not allowed to remain in school with *pediculosis*, *nits*, *impetigo*, or *scabies*.

The teacher plays a very important role in our health program. Her daily inspection is a most important factor in school health work. This examination is not made only for evidence of communicable disease, but the observation includes general well-being, cleanliness, and beginning tendency to undesirable habits.

### DENTAL PROGRAM

Our dental program is primarily educational. It is somewhat insufficient as it is only available to the first through the fourth grade children. Two hundred fifty public school children received dental care at the Town Hall during the year, attending thirty-five clinics.

### THE CLASSROOM RECORD

A new record of the results of the physical examination has been introduced this year. This record provides an opportunity for a teacher-nurse conference on the entire classroom—once after the physical examination to go over the health status of each child—once toward the end of the year to evaluate improvements and corrections. As the teacher is supposed to be aware of the health condition of the children and is supposed to have a responsibility for improving it, this form will prove helpful. It also provides a basis for health teaching based upon actual needs.

The remainder of the health program remains about the same. During the year, the nurse helped with four clinics for Diphtheria Toxoid injections, three pre-school registration clinics, two pre-school physical and dental examinations and twelve chest consultation clinics.

Conferences were held with members of the school personnel, school physicians, private physicians, clergymen, Board of Health nurse, social worker, the State and County Health Commissioners, and many agencies and clubs—as the need arose during the year.

Eight girls spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp during the summer due to your most generous response to the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas seals. This is the first time Southbridge has ever been permitted to send this many. Two high school girls acted as counselors at the camp and enjoyed it very much.

Again the Lions Club scored. One hundred forty children, in both parochial and public schools, are receiving free milk daily. My sincerest “thank you” to all members and friends for their generosity.

I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation to the many other people who have given of their time and their services to help our school medical department progress.

I wish to state here that “Health Education” is the sum total of activities directed toward desirable changes in the way of living. Its success depends upon the coordinated effort of every one concerned with the child. The School Medical Department has considered an outline for instruction which is to be used with our new classroom record form.

We find that emphasis is needed in :

1. Proper nutrition.
2. Sufficient rest and relaxation.
3. Improvement in personal hygiene, especially cleanliness, washing hands, keeping hands out of mouth, brushing teeth, proper posture, and instruction in the use and care of toilets.

A bulletin on suggestions for teaching relative to the physical examination is being worked on and should be ready next Fall. This will present the teacher with scientific facts which she will be able to adapt to her grade level.

In closing, my New Year wish for all is Peace of Mind. Rabbi Joshua Leibman wrote "This is the gift that God reserves for His special proteges. Talent and beauty He gives to many. Wealth is commonplace, fame is rare. But peace of mind—that is His final guerdon of approval, the fondest sign of His love. He bestows it charily. Most men are never blessed with it; others wait all their lives—yea, far into advanced age—for this gift to descend upon them."

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT,  
School Nurse

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## REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The duties of Attendance Officer were assigned to me on October, 1948. In fulfilling these duties, my intention has not been merely to enforce the State and Federal laws pertaining to school attendance, but even more to interpret these laws to misguided parents and pupils, and attempt to explain their true purpose. It has been my practice to employ the guidance point of view in dealing with these problems and to look for the underlying causes for delinquency. Whether it be a condition of the physical environment, a wrong attitude, or some other such cause, frequently it can be discovered and corrected. In fact, so great is the need for this type of social work that a person might easily devote full time to it.

More specifically, the duties of the Attendance Officer may be outlined as follows:

1. Investigating cases referred to him by the school principals.
2. Making a written report to the Superintendent on each home visit, and a report by telephone to the principal.

3. Making follow-up investigations on cases needing further adjustment.
4. Administering the Cole Fund.
5. Maintaining the working-card files, and keeping office hours on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the purpose of issuing working cards.
6. Bringing to court the cases of confirmed truants.

The following statistics are pertinent to the work of the Attendance Officers:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	542
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,475
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	360
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	414
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	8
Number of employment certificates 14-16 limited	38
Home permits	7

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PHIPPS,  
Attendance Officer

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report covers the period since October 1948, when I was placed in charge of the Visual Aids Department.

The duties of the director of visual aids may be briefly outlined as follows:

1. Maintaining an inventory of all materials on hand.
2. Keeping equipment in repair.
3. Ordering, delivering, showing, and returning films.
4. Keeping a file of free and rental films.

5. Assisting teachers to secure films most appropriate for classroom use.

Recently, a group of teachers who are new to the Southbridge School System were shown through the visual aids room. In the future, every effort will be made to keep teachers well-informed regarding the opportunities for wider use of all forms of visual aids, in order to offer the greatest possible advantages to pupils in every grade according to nation-wide trends.

A new inventory of material on hand needs to be taken; and, as soon as this is completed, copies will be distributed to all schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PHIPPS, Director  
Visual Aids Department

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In response to your request, I am submitting this report of the musical activities of the year 1948 in the Southbridge Public Schools.

The average weekly attendance is 81 in the music appreciation class and glee clubs of the high school. In the appreciation class, the students are seeking the enjoyments that come through listening to and studying great music and musicians. In this atomic age, when science is so fast finding labor-saving devices, man is likely to find more and more time for leisure. Music can provide, for leisure hours, rewards that are richly recreating. It was gratifying to find that, out of the ten top-rating freshmen, six students belong to one or another of the musical groups. So, even though few academic credits may be granted to musical activities, possibly the mental and

recreational stimuli of music are rewards enough for these top-ranking students.

The High School Glee Clubs gave a concert May 7 at which time the music appreciation class performed Haydn's Toy Symphony. During the year, groups from the glee clubs sang for various organizations among which were the Rotary Club, the Grange, the Woman's Association of the Congregational Church, and at the Clinton Music Festival held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Music Educator's Association Central Division. The glee clubs sang at several high school assemblies where the average attendance would be about 450; and, at these assemblies, the united singing of all the high school students would convince any casual listener of a whole-hearted enjoyment in singing.

The rapid progress of our one-year-old high school band has surprised the Town, and we look forward to their being led by Mr. Sweet to even finer performance. Hearty thanks go to the Rotary Club for making the band possible. There are few bands that, in so short a time, can look and play so well. At commencement and at Christmas time, the band and the glee clubs provided most of the music. At the commencement exercises this June, the seniors, belonging to the glee club, will be allowed to sing with their club and on this last, important function, help uphold the standards of singing along with the undergraduate members.

Music in the elementary schools is, on the whole, meeting with increased enthusiasm from the boys and girls, and a gratifying support from the public. Where the new song books have been introduced, the children are gaining some slight skill in reading music. It is to be hoped that individual sight singing may be an actuality in the not too distant future. The classroom teachers of the third and fourth grades, where these new books have been introduced, are cooperating nicely in the achievement of this somewhat distant goal. The director visits about half the grades in the elementary schools each week. She visits River Street School nearly every week, thus reaching approximately 420 pupils each week.

It is gratifying to return from these visits, usually well-pleased with what the boys, girls, classroom teachers, and principals, from Grades I up, are doing to encourage skills as well as enjoyment in music. The success of the various Christmas programs and the four performances by Eastford Road's glee club of an abbreviated "Pinafore," under the direction of Mr. Ellwood S. Jenness, speak louder than words can of a genuine school and community interest in things musical.

An exchange of programs from school to school was also given a start in 1948; a fourth grade from West Street School giving a program of American music before Eastford Road School, and the fifth grade from the latter school giving their Patriots' Day program for the High School.

Individual tastes and individual enthusiasms are difficult to measure, but some evidence of improvement may be found in the increasing number of students of all ages who attend the Community Concerts here in Southbridge. They attend on their own tickets as well as on tickets supplied by the Rotarians and other public spirited citizens. Three full bus loads instead of two (as of last year) attended the Young People's Concert of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra during Worcester's festival week in October. These increases are reported as indications of youthful enthusiasms along cultural lines.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR S. VAN ETEN,  
Director of Music

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit my report covering the playgrounds for the year 1948.

The season ran from July 12 through August 20, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following schools: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, River Street, and West Street. Special events were held at the Town swimming pool and at Dresser Street field.

### PERSONNEL

#### General

Director: Harry J. McMahon

Supervisor, in Charge of Physical Education: Lewis Kyrios

Payroll: Miss Elsie Hofstra

#### Charlton Street Playgrounds

Supervisor: Mrs. Charlotte Henderson

Senior Assistant: Mrs. Helen Golden

Junior Assistants: Helen Boucher, George Perikli, Raymond Marino

#### Eastford Road Playgrounds

Supervisor: Mrs. Cathryn Maxwell

Senior Assistant: Mr. Armand Deblois

Junior Assistants: Nancy Deignan, Harold Peterson

#### River Street Playgrounds

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed

Senior Assistant: Miss Josette Maynard

Junior Assistants: Mary Moriarty, Edward Voloka

#### West Street Playgrounds

Supervisor: Mrs. Celestine Sweet

Junior Assistants: Claire LaForce, Betty Lou Hart, Philias Caron, Jr.

### ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

This year's enrollment decreased slightly from 1,399 in 1947 to 1,361 in 1948. However, this was offset by a larger average daily attendance, with the percentage of attendance showing an increase and the attendance for a single day showing an increase.

Total enrollment	1361
Average daily attendance	624
Average percentage of attendance	45.8
Largest daily attendance	810

### PUBLIC INTEREST

The interest of the townspeople was maintained by the complete coverage given to all activities by the local and county newspapers. The results of contests were published at once with standings in all sports published once each week. Pictures of special activities were printed at frequent intervals.

The crafts exhibit exceeded anything of its kind previously shown in town. It filled two large windows of a mid-town merchant's store where it was on display for the better part of the final week of the playground season.

### MEETINGS

Each week the supervisors met with the director to plan the work of the week, to discuss any problem or difficulty that may have arisen the previous week. These meetings proved helpful to all.

### ACTIVITIES

The activities were many and varied. For the purpose of this report, they were classified as regular and special.

The regular activities consisted of the usual intra-playground sports and games, such as zell-ball, basketball, softball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, horseshoes, croquet, etc. To augment this program, there was the inter-playground schedules in most of the above activities to accommodate boys and girls of two age levels, the senior group and the midget group. The senior group consisted of those between 12 years and 16

years. The midget group consisted of those under 9 years of age.

The special activities consisted of a swimming meet held at Town swimming pool, a track meet held at Dresser Street field. In order to avoid the possibility of accidents, the very young were not allowed to participate in these meets, and all playgrounds remained open to accommodate these. The other special activities such as the Amateur Show and Crafts Exhibit were open to all regardless of age or size. Actually, in these projects, the emphasis was on the younger group. Also, there was considerable time spent teaching these children to sing simple songs, folk dancing, and story telling.

Whenever possible, the activities were carried on out of doors in the fresh air and sun. On the few rainy days encountered, we took over the "gyms" at the respective schools and the tenor of the activities was in keeping with the environment, the special treat on such days being a varied "movie" program.

### PLAYGROUND CHAMPIONS

The championship banner is to remain at Charlton Street another year; however, it took a real effort before their superiority was established. Charlton Street was particularly strong in track while West Street showed to its best advantage at swimming. In the other activities, all playgrounds were fairly matched.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

The culmination of the Arts and Crafts program was the exhibit held in one of our local stores. Many complimentary reports were received concerning this work, especially the feature article that appeared in our local paper.

The following is a list of the finished projects:

ARTICLES MADE OF		ARTICLES MADE OF	
WOOD		PERCALE MATERIAL	
Bead bracelets	22	Aprons	14
Mexican belts	14	Potholders	43
Bead necklaces	21	Stuffed animals	17
ARTICLES MADE FROM		COLORED PICTURES	
RAG LOOPS		Animals, Scenic, Flowers,	
Potholders	147	Costumes	640

ARTICLES MADE OF FELT		CORDE ARTICLES	
Scotties	12	Crocheted beanies	3
Beanies	15	Envelope purses	2
Pocketbooks	7	Pouches	6
Pouches	19	Pocketbooks	11
Moccasins (Prs. of)	9	ARTICLES MADE OF	
Mittens (Prs. of)	11	WOOL YARN	
Pencil cases	8	Doll hats	21
Belts	10	Beanies	14
Coasters	6	Pouches	9
Stuffed animals	21	Dolls	5
Pin cushions	13	ARTICLES MODE OF PLAS-	
BASKETS AND REED		TIC AND CELLOPHANE	
ARTICLES		Bracelets	16
Sewing baskets	6	Place mats	14
Pouch baskets	8	Coasters	12
Trays	18	SEWING CARDS	
Lemonade sets	7	Animal sewing cards	38
WAFFLE MATS		(with shoe laces)	
Silkateen (small)	73	Punched cards	726
Yarn (large)	14	ARTICLES MADE WITH	
Yarn (small)	33	SHOE BUTTONS	
ARTICLES MADE OF		Bracelets	65
LEATHER		Necklaces	48
Wallets	8	EMBROIDERY	
Belts (large)	96	Chair-back sets	16
Belts (small)	105	Child's bibs	2
Suspenders	8	Searves	14
ARTICLES MADE WITH		Pillow Covers	7
INDIAN BEADS		Centerpieces	12
Head bands	5	Luncheon sets	9
Necklaces	7	Towels	26
Bracelets	6	Vanity sets	7
Total Number of Articles		2,525	

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the playgrounds a success.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY J. McMAHON

Director of Summer Playgrounds

## REPORT OF THE ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Adult Education Division of the Southbridge School Department, following through with the ideal of the Massachusetts Department of Education, continues in its endeavor to provide the courses that satisfy the needs and demands of the community.

In answer to a written request, a course in Oral English, Reading, and Spelling was started in the late afternoon for a number of adults who, because of night work, could not attend evening classes. The School Department realizes that, when people ask for a course, there is bound to be interest and continued attendance.

This year, like the last, the Evening English Classes include a great number of Repatriates who have returned to this country after spending several years abroad. Many of their children, now adults, have come with them, knowing nothing of the language but whose citizenship has been derived from their parents. It is interesting to note that some of these children have been recently inducted into the United States Military Services and are very thankful for the ability gained in understanding, as well as the fluency acquired in reading and writing the English language.

The Advanced English Class includes those whose education was spotty when young and wish improvement, or who have advanced from one class to another in the Evening School.

The Citizenship Class prepares many for American Citizenship and includes the study of American History and Government.

Some, unable to attend school, take the Home Study Course and the Director corrects, plans, and instructs these people by personal contact such as home or office visits.

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The many details entailed in filing an application for citizenship are also handled by the Adult Education Department. These often include search of Probate Court Records, correspondence with clerks of County Courts, lawyers anywhere in the United States, Clergymen of different denominations, school records the country over, the Alien Registration Records, the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization, steamship lines, and even police departments everywhere.

Because of help and cooperation given at all times by other local Town Departments, the School Department was pleased at the opportunity to again hold a class in Civil Service for those preparing to take the Police Exams.

At all times, the Adult Education Division of the School Department will strive to meet adequately the demands of the Town of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, Director  
Adult Education Department

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL CLASSES

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started this past September:

Dressmaking—two classes  
Advanced Dressmaking—two classes  
Elementary Sewing—one class  
Cooking—one class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial field. Classes in Business English, Elementary Stenography, and Elementary Typewriting proved to have the greatest demand. Mathematics, for veterans only, was offered during the early months of 1948.

All these classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational or commercial fields will be started when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON,  
Director of University Extension  
and Evening Vocational Classes.

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1949

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.  
1950



# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1949

## ELECTED OFFICERS

**Treasurer** ..... Norbert C. Benoit 1952  
**Town Clerk** ..... Claire P. Boyer 1950

### Selectmen

Norman Leblanc                      Emery Lavallee                      Rosario Arpin

### Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere ..... 1952      Ovide Desrosier ..... 1950  
Hermas Lippe ..... 1951      Herbert Michon ..... Agent

### Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosier, Chairman                      Hermas Lippe  
Marie Lariviere                      Herbert Michon, Agent

### Assessors

Joseph Lafleche ..... 1952      Charles Normandin ..... 1950  
Raymond Benoit ..... 1951

### Board of Health

Ernest Tetreault 1952      Dr. Raymond F. Haling, M. D. 1950  
Robert W. DeJordy, D. S. C. 1951

### Highway Commissioners

George Lafleche ..... 1952      Arthur Bachand ..... 1950  
Anthony Ciesla ..... 1951

### World War Memorial Trustees

Norman Leblanc ..... 1950      Ovila Donais ..... 1952  
Arthur Cabana ..... 1950      Lectance Landry ..... 1950  
Silvio Ferron ..... 1951      Camille Hebert ..... 1951

### School Committee

Hector M. Leclair, Sr. .... 1952      Ernest Boyer ..... 1952  
Paul Benoit ..... 1950      Wm. J. Brunelle ..... 1950  
Rosaire Lafleche ..... 1951      Armand DeAngelis ..... 1951

### Cemetery Committee

Jesse A. Blackburn ..... 1952      George Dumas ..... 1950  
Benj. F. Tully ..... 1951

### Constables

Blaise Trudeau ..... 1950      Raoul Meunier ..... 1950  
Bernard Richard ..... 1950

**Tax Collector** ..... Mederick Duhamel 1951

### **Planning Board**

Francis N. Bishop .....	1954	Edward Seremet .....	1950
George Duquette .....	1951	Bernard Raimondo .....	1952
Raoul Gaulin .....		1953	

### **Sewer Committee**

J. George Page .....	1952	Alfred Goudreau .....	1950
Raymond Bachand .....		1951	

### **Park Commissioners**

Roland Langevin .....	1952	Wilfred P. Gauthier .....	1950
Arthur W. Leduc .....		1951	

<b>Moderator</b> .....	Valmore P. Tetreault	1950
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<b>Tree Warden</b> .....	Wilbur Wilson	1950
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### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

Ernest Lavallee .....	1952	Leon Bouthillier .....	1950
Ignac Zacycki .....		1951	

### **Southbridge Housing Authority**

Omer L. Perron .....	1952	Arthur Cabana .....	1950
Francois C. Sansoucy .....	1951	Emile J. Martin .....	1951
Louis J. Ciprari (appointed by state) .....		1951	

### **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1949**

<b>Assistant Clerk, Selectmen</b> .....	Julian C. Gabree	1950
<b>Town Accountant</b> .....	Joseph E. Desrosier	1951
<b>Town Counsel</b> .....	John J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr.	1950
<b>Town Engineer</b> .....	Henry A. Racicot	1950

### **Veterans' Service Department**

Paul Benoit, Director .....	1950	Constance Rutanen .....	Clerk
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### **Recreation Committee**

Frank Skinyon .....	1952	Richard Lindi .....	1950
James Robertson .....	1952	Emile Martin .....	1950
John Libera .....	1952	John E. Merrill .....	1950
William Stark .....	1952	Lorenzo Beaupre .....	1950
Armand Beaupre .....	1950	Armand DeAngelis .....	1950
Henry Racicot .....	1950	Wilfred Gauthier .....	1950
Arthur Leduc .....	1951	Roland Langevin .....	1952
Norman Staves .....	1952		

<b>Superintendent of Schools</b> .....	William L. Bourgeois	
<b>Care of Town Clock</b> .....	John P. Caves	1950
<b>Pound Keeper</b> .....	Frederick L. Dowling	
<b>Keepers of Lockup</b> .....	Ulric Brault	Henry Crevier 1950
<b>Custodian of Town Hall</b> .....	Oliver Proulx	1950
<b>Animal Inspector</b> .....	Joseph Chagnon	1950
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b> .....	Joseph Chagnon	
<b>Milk Inspector</b> .....	Joseph Chagnon	1950
<b>Building Inspector</b> .....	Wm. F. Shea	1950
<b>Wire Inspector</b> .....	Clarence Bachand	1950
<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures</b> .....	G. R. Lariviere	1950

**Library Trustees  
(For the Town)**

Dr. Nerio Pioppi .....	1952	Wardwell M. Edwards ....	1950
Edward P. Sheehan .....	1951		

**(For the Fund)**

Gertrude W. Smith	John Martin
Arthur Kay	W. Wesley Crawford

**Registrars of Voters**

Armand Fortin .....	1952	John J. O'Shaughnessy Sr.	1950
Seaver M. Rice .....	1951	Claire Boyer	

**Fire Department**

Oswald Meunier .....	Chief	Daniel Daniels .....	Dep. Chief
<b>Superintendent of Fire Alarm</b> .....		James C. Sandgren	
<b>Fire Warden</b> .....		Oswald Meunier	1950

**Deputy Wardens**

Daniel Daniels	Romeo Lippe	Rosario Bellerose
Joseph Mandeville	Harry Michaels	Archie Langevin
Emile Caouette	Albert Servant	

**Fence Viewers**

Raymond Berthiaume .....	1950	Louis Bachand .....	1950
William Delaney .....	1950	Euclid Gattineau .....	1950

### **Honor Roll Committee**

Raymond Benoit	George W. Watson	Doris Loiselle
Edmund Ryan	Ronaldo Guertin	Armand DeAngelis
Bernard Beauregard		

### **Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Thomas L. Hughes	Clifford McKinstry
John J. Hogan	Royce Fitzpatrick

### **Field Drivers**

Albert Lamarine	James Laughnane	George Fitts
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### **Soldiers Burial Officers**

William J. Congdon	Arthur Eno
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### **Public Weighers**

Jacob Edwards	Loretta Fitzpatrick	Beatrice Homicz
Ralph McKinstry	Eleanor Drake	Harry Michaels
Herman Staves	William Cox	Thomas Hughes
Raymond McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick	

<b>Attendance Officer</b>	Raoul Lataille
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### **Finance Committee**

John J. Hogan	1952	Leo Dandurand	1950
Albert Simonds	1952	Aloysius Koprowski	1950
Myron B. Clemence	1952	Edgar Lewis	1951
Edgar A. Tremblay	1952	Peter Graf	1951
Dr. Arthur Tieri	1952	Oswald Laliberte	1951
Jos. Gallery	1950	Sylvester Barbieri	1951
Vincent Walsh	1950	Albert Dufault	1951
George Metras	1950		

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Peter Graf	1951	Mitchell Kurposka	1950
Edward Seremet	1952	Alfred Beaulieu	1950
		(Associate Member)	

### **Com. to Revise Town By-Laws**

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr.	Louis Gagnon	George Leduc
Alfred Beaulieu	George Favre	Calvin Wright
<b>Inspector of Petroleum</b>		Rudolph Lariviere
<b>Dog Officer</b>		Albert Lamarine
<b>Care of Veterans' Graves</b>		Wm. J. Congdon

### **Retirement Board**

Joseph Desrosier	Paul H. Benoit	J. Alfred Dumas
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# JURY LIST

1949

Name and Address	Occupation
Allard, Roland A. J., 9 Federal Heights	Bus Driver
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut St.	At Home
Augusta, Armand, 34 Fairmont Ave.	Lens Grinder
Ayotte, Raymond J., 75 Pleasant St.	Optical Worker
Bachand, Louis J., 201 Everett St.	Roofer
Bachand, Arthur N., 39 School St.	Machine Operator
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter
Beauregard, Alexander, 401 Main St.	Clerk
Bednarczak, John J., 243 Everett St.	Tool Maker
Belanger, Joseph A., 530 Worcester St.	Retired
Bellerive, Armand J., 223 Everett St.	Polisher
Bertrand, Urban G., 370 Hamilton St.	Washer
Birmingham, Michael J., 10 Eastford Rd.	Cutlery Worker
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist
Blais, Napoleon, 402 Worcester St.	Moulder
Blanchette, Omer, 40 Cross St.	Carpenter
Boiteau, Anthony, 71 Sayles St.	Optical Worker
Brodeur, Antonio, 114 Pine St.	Clerk
Buckley, John T., 28 Harding Ct.	Optical Worker
Beaudry, Eugene W., 38 Henry St.	Janitor
Beaupre, Arthur, 235 Mechanic St.	Machine Operator
Cabana, Arthur, 10 Oakes Ave.	Optical Worker
Carrier, Raymond C., 13 Avenue B.	Shipping Clerk
Caron, Philias, 109 High St.	
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River St.	Machinist
Carpentier, Jean A., 349 Hamilton St.	Textile Worker
Carpentier, Noe N., 45 Randolph St.	Print Worker
Carpenter, William, 228 Hamilton St.	Retired
Cartier, Joseph, Jr., 17 Pleasant St.	Manager
Chamberland, Theodore, 99 Cross St.	Machine Operator
Chamberlain, Leopold, Elm St.	Assembler
Chapdelaine, Dorilla, 186 Everett St.	Retired
Clemence, George H., Clemence Hill.	Retired
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South St.	Merchant
Collette, Viateur, 117 Cross St.	Moulder
Costa, Sotir V., 9 Curtis St.	Merchant
Cournoyer, Norman H., 59 Fiske St.	Farm Hand
Coutu, Wilfred, 39 Cross St.	Truer
Cloutier, Armand, 400 Main St.	Truer
Duhamel, Robert E., 98 Pine St.	Painter
Dumas, Francis D., 988 Main St.	At Home
DeAngelis, Philip M., 80 Sayles St.	Student
Desaulniers, Leo J., Elm St.	Machinist

Daigle, Alexander, 69 Litchfield Ave.	Foreman
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic St.	Laborer
Dulmaine, Walter A., 88 Pine St.	Retired
Dupaul, Leon A., 250 Marcy St.	Foreman
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St.	Cutlery Worker
Dauphinais, Adelard, 199 Charlton St.	Polisher
Duquette, George, 734 Elm St.	Optical Worker
Dumas, Alfred J., Jr., 986 Main St.	Polisher
Eno, Arthur J., 76 Pine St.	Electrician
Ethier, Louis G., 244 Mechanic St.	Shipping Clerk
Faford, Wilfred, 11 Columbia Ave.	Back Tender
Farland, Normand, 36 Litchfield Ave.	Optical Worker
Flood, Henry F., 300 Hamilton St.	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Alpha, Amidown District.	Truer
Fontaine, Lucien, 86 Chestnut St.	Optical Worker
Gagne, Alfred, 35 Central St.	Textile Worker
Gaumont, Harvey, 141 Everett St.	Taxi Driver
Gaumont, Armand, 711 Main St.	Trucker
Gaumont, Eugel, 16 Gardner St.	Retired
Gendron, Albert, 42 Thomas St.	Feeder
Gendron, Raymond, 149 Mechanic St.	Print Worker
Gendreau, Joseph U., 119 Pleasant St.	Press Operator
Genereux, Louis W., 206 Main St.	Steam Fitter
Graf, Peter, 38 Golf St.	Foreman
Grenier, William, Maple Terrace	Clerk
Guignard, Joseph A., 36 Winter St.	Electrician
Gravel, Charles E., 158 Charlton St.	Optical Worker
Galinski, Joseph, 289 Ashland Ave.	Gas Fitter
Girard, Wilfred, 222 Mechanic St.	Janitor
Giroux, Herman, Marsh St.	Restaurant Proprietor
Gravel, Lionel, 423 Charlton St.	Optical Worker
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Machine Operator
Hebert, Joseph A., 3 Moon St.	Truck Driver
Hetu, Louis, 48 Dresser St.	Janitor
Holton, Frank B., North Woodstock Rd.	Retired
Julian, Joseph E., 73 Newell Ave.	Mail Carrier
Leduc, Arthur, 117 Worcester St.	Truer
Lange, Eugene F., 70 Central St.	Insurance Agent
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West St.	Textile Worker
Lapointe, Lionel, 398 Worcester St.	Lens Worker
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Ct.	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main St.	Foreman
LaJeunesse, Edward, 21 Wall St.	Millhand
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River St.	Unemployed
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut St.	Moulder
Landry, Lectance, 62 Lovely St.	Painter

Landry, Victor, 800 Worcester St.	Press Worker
Lataille, Frank, 284 Mechanic St.	Optical Worker
Lataille, Joseph C., 39 Henry St.	Retired
Lavallee, Napoleon A., 48 School St.	Retired
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal St.	Shear Tender
LeBlanc, Leon D., 364 Hamilton St.	Fixer
LePage, Adelard, 122 Litchfield Ave.	Foreman
Leboeuf, Roland, 27 Chestnut St.	Clerk
Libera, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct.	Optical Worker
Loranger, Edward, 127 Pleasant St.	Machinist
Loranger, Napoleon J., 18 Pine St.	Retired
Langlois, George, 11 Windsor Ct.	Optical Worker
Lemoine, James, 33 Henry St.	Press Worker
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards St.	Supervisor
Lenti, Frank, 313 Worcester St.	Auto Dealer.
Lynch, Charles, 25 School St.	Inspector
Lucier, Leo, 31 Randolph St.	Finisher
Maloney, Philip, 87 Edwards St.	Bridge Maker
Marand, Napoleon, 276 Mechanic St.	Polisher
Mathieu, Isaac, 288 Mechanic St.	Salesman
Matte, Armand, 61 Guelphwood Rd.	Optical Worker
Matte, Osa, 377 Morris St.	Dryer
Monaco, Lardy, 34 Central St.	Electrician
Monette, Moise G., 452 Hamilton St.	Clerk
Moriarty, Timothy J., 150 Pleasant St.	Finisher
Montigny, Henry O., 28 Thomas St.	Salesman
McDonald, Laurent, 23 Wardwell Ct.	Grinder
Nichols, Thomas, 29 Fiske St.	Press Operator
Normandin, Joseph, 14 Dresser St.	Truer
O'Shaughnessy, John, Sr., 164 Hamilton St.	Retired
Paquette, Walter, Brickyard Rd.	Janitor
Paquin, William, 32 Worcester St.	Inspector
Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St.	Warper
Parent, Aime, 9 Hillcrest Ave.	Electrician
Parent, Joseph C., 348 Main St.	Retired
Pezzetti, John, 7 Glover St.	Insurance Agent
Pelletier, Norman R., 2 Cross St.	Optical Worker
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St.	Lens Polisher
Peloquin, Felix, 27 Coombs St.	Wire Stretcher
Peloquin, Narcisse, 62 Green St.	Repair Man
Picard, Alfred, 402 Main St.	Optical Worker
Pinsonneault, Richard, 35 South St.	Inspector
Plouffe, George F., 135 Marcy St.	Repairer
Power, Christopher, Meadow Brook Rd.	Retired
Power, Joseph, 134 Chapin St.	Retired
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott St.	Carpenter
Proulx, Joseph D., 46 South St.	Cook

Peterson, Harold C., 103 Eastford Rd.  
Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Ave.

Ravenelle, Raoul J., 65 River St.  
Richard, George, 142 Charlton St.  
Roberts, Gerald G., 23 Oakes Ave.  
Richer, Gerald A., 18 Benefit St.

Shea, William T., 1 Hill Ave.  
Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oakes Ave.  
St. Germain, Joseph, 120 Sayles St.  
St. Pierre, Rodolphe, 10 Rose St.  
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm St.  
Staves, Arthur, 37 Franklin Terrace.  
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Sturbridge Rd.  
Sullivan, Patrick L., 40 South St.  
Sansoucy, Adelard, 31 Hamilton St.

Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St.  
Tetreault, Eugene, 53 Fiske St.  
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St.  
Trudeau, Blaise, 35 Central St.  
Trembley, Albert G., 240 Marcy St.

Volpini, Renato, 13 Avenue C.

Walsh, John S., 59½ Fiske St.  
Welsh, Joseph F., 4½ Windsor Ct.

Foreman  
Optical Worker

Clerk  
Grinder  
Superintendent  
Shipping Clerk

Bar Tender  
Grocer  
Laborer  
Machinist  
Foreman  
Clerk  
Mach. Operator  
Draftsman  
Hand Grinder

Carpenter  
Clerk  
Edger  
Retired  
Clerk

Optical Worker  
Plastic Worker  
Optical Worker

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report of their activities of the Department for the year of 1949.

The Board organized under date of March 8th, 1949. Norman Leblanc was appointed Chairman of the Board, Rosario Arpin was appointed Clerk. Other appointments of the Board may be found in the Town Report immediately following list of duly elected officers.

In addition to our regular meetings which were held on Monday evenings of each week at 7:00 P. M. in the Selectmen's office, numerous conferences, public hearings and special meetings were held as occasions demanded.

In conjunction with other Town Departments we have made considerable progress to improve general conditions during the year, such as road improvements, better lighting for our streets, having street signs erected where needed most, and trying at all times to make our Town a good place to live in.

During the year we have made repairs to the Town Hall Building within the appropriations voted. There is much more needed to be done if we are to keep the building in a usable condition.

Mechanic Street and approaches, when completed, will remove one of our most hazardous traffic problems. There are intersections that need attention and will receive same as soon as it is possible to do so.

The income of the Board for 1949 was \$16,839.48 and was received from the following items:

### Liquor Licenses

3 Seasonal Licenses .....	\$150.00	\$ 450.00
5 Club Licenses .....	300.00	1,500.00
1 Club License .....		250.00
3 Club Licenses .....	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder Licenses .....	600.00	1,200.00
2 Innholder Licenses .....	200.00	400.00
12 Restaurant Licenses .....	500.00	6,000.00
10 Restaurant Licenses .....	200.00	2,000.00
4 Package Store Licenses .....	300.00	1,200.00
6 Package Store Licenses .....	100.00	600.00
5 Drug Store Licenses .....	50.00	250.00
23 One-Day Beer and Wine Licenses .....	1.00	23.00

### Miscellaneous Licenses

4 Innholder Licenses .....	3.00	12.00
55 Common Victuallers Licenses .....	3.00	165.00
26 Auto Dealers Licenses .....	3.00	78.00
30 Taxi Owner Licenses .....	1.00	30.00
71 Taxi Driver Licenses .....	1.00	71.00
48 Sunday Store Licenses .....	3.00	144.00
8 Lodging House Licenses .....	1.00	8.00
6 Firearm Licenses .....	3.00	18.00
90 Sign Permits .....	1.00	90.00
3 Parking Lot Permits .....	2.00	6.00
Pin Ball Licenses .....		247.98
1 Tag Day Permit .....	1.00	1.00
Town Hall Rental .....		520.00
Court House Rental .....		1,200.00
Lock-Up Rental .....		50.00
Total .....		<hr/> \$16,839.48

The expenses of operating our Department are given in the Town Report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not given here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Departments, Committees, and all others who have co-operated with us during the year to promote good government.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN LEBLANC,  
ROSARIO ARPIN,  
EMERY LAVALLEE,  
Board of Selectmen.

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

## Vital Statistics

Total Number of Births Registered .....	535
Total Number of Deaths Registered .....	209
Total Number of Marriages Recorded .....	217
Marriage Intentions Recorded .....	188
Marriage Certificates Issued .....	188

## Miscellaneous Licenses Recorded

Auctioneer's .....	2
Bowling and Pool .....	8
Garage .....	64
Gasoline .....	50
Junk .....	14
Hawkers' and Peddlers' .....	13
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Total licenses issued .....	151
Amount paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$353.00

## Dog Licenses Issued

Number of Licenses:	
Males .....	607
Females .....	78
Spayed Females .....	212
Kennel .....	5
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Total licenses issued .....	902
Amount paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$1,897.60

## Sporting Licenses Issued

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses .....	981
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	327
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses .....	420
Resident Citizens' Women's and Minors' Fish. Licenses .....	302
Resident Citizens' Trapping License (Minor) .....	1
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses .....	13
Non-Resident Citizens'—Citizen 3-Day Fishing Licenses .....	5
Non-Resident Citizens' License (Minor) .....	1
Non-Resident Citizens' or Resident Alien Fish. Lic. ....	13

Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	3
Non-Resident Citizens' Sporting Trapping Licenses .....	2
Duplicate Licenses .....	17
Non-Resident Military or Naval Serv. Sport. Lic. ....	2
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Lic., Free .....	77
Resident Military or Naval Serv. Sport. Lic., Free .....	20
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance Fish. Lic. Free .....	12

Total licenses issued ..... 2,196

Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$4,064.75

### **List of Jurors Drawn by Selectmen During 1949**

Napoleon Loranger of 18 Pine Street.  
Louis Bachand of 201 Everett Street.  
Alphonse Pasaj of 36 Pleasant Street.  
Victor Landry of 800 Worcester Street.  
Victor Collette of 117 Cross Street.  
Lucien Fontaine of 86 Chestnut Street.  
George Richard of 142 Charlton Street.  
William T. Shea of 1 Hill Avenue.  
Phillip Maloney of 87 Edwards Street.  
Raymond Boucher of 127 Everett Street.  
George Langlois of 11 Windsor Court.  
Arthur J. Eno of 76 Pine Street.  
Harold Peterson of 103 Eastford Road.  
Edward Lajeunesse of 21 Wall Street.  
Armand Augusto of 34 Fairmont Avenue.  
Raymond Carrier of 22 Edwards Street.  
Philip Peloquin of 210 Everett Street.  
George H. Clemence of Clemence Hill.  
Arthur Cabana of 10 Oakes Avenue.  
Robert Duhamel of 98 Pine Street.  
Anthony Boiteau of 71 Sayles Street.  
Irving Mitchell of 47 Oliver Street.  
Francis D. Dumas of 988 Main Street.  
Joseph A. Hebert of 3 Moon Street.

### **Meetings Held During 1949**

Annual Election of Town Officers ..... March 7th, 1949  
Annual Business Meeting ..... March 14th, 1949  
Special Town Meeting ..... August 22nd, 1949  
Special Town Meeting ..... December 14th, 1949

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1949

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1949 .....	\$ 293,997.35	
Receipts for 1949 .....	1,930,540.33	
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1949 Disbursements .....		\$2,274,537.68
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1949		\$ 412,637.68

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1950	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31 1949
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 42,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	36,000.00
8,000.00	Hamilton St. and Main St. Paving	1946	41,600.00	16,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	18,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	21,000.00
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\$31,000.00				\$133,000.00

## TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00—Anticipation of Revenue—Due May 1, 1950

## POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945 .....	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Interest on Savings Acct., through Dec. 31, 1949 .....	17,729.03
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Total Fund .....	\$167,729.03

## TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1949	Int. 1949	Balance Dec. 31, 1949
<b>Mary Mynott Fund</b>			
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	\$1,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$1,000.00

### Boyer Fund

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	417.44	8.38	425.82
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### Jesse J. Angell Fund

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	1,389.20	27.91	1,417.12
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### Ella M. Cole Fund

Attleboro Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	22.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5 Cent Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00

### Hannah Edwards Fund

First Nat. Bank of Boston, Trustee .....	5,000.00	105.00	5,000.00
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#### (1) Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	6.67	2,000.00
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#### (2) Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union .....	1,000.00	2.08	1,000.00
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(1) Fund started 4/8/49.

(2) Fund started 9/29/49.

### CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1949	Int. 1949
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 67.50
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	Closed 5/9/49	20.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	45.00
Gardner Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank .....	2,475.00	49.50
Millbury Savings Bank .....	1,453.52	32.70
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings .....	Closed 5/9/49	30.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings .....	3,000.00	60.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,500.00	62.50
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	9,025.42	146.48
Salem 5-Cent Savings .....	3,000.00	54.17
Winchendon Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	90.00
Ware Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	45.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Savings .....	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op. ....	4,000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op. ....	4,000.00	85.00

Mattapan Co-op. ....	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op. ....	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op. ....	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op. ....	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. ....	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op. ....	4,000.00	90.00
Minot Co-op. ....	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op. ....	2,000.00	60.00
Southbridge Credit Union* ....	4,000.00	41.60
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Totals .....	\$78,168.62	\$1,813.73
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1949 .....		76,752.45
Added to Fund, 1949 .....		1,416.17
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Cemetery Fund, Dec. 31, 1949 ..... \$78,168.62

\*Opened 5/12/49.

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT, Town Treasurer.

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

During the year 1949, the unemployment situation has caused a considerable rise in the Board of Public Welfare expenditures. This is due to the need of supplementing Unemployment Compensation Benefits as well as meeting the needs of families during the waiting period prior to receiving benefits.

The approximate cost for the year including re-imbursements to other cities and towns for aid rendered to Southbridge settled cases in other communities was \$45,222.60, or an average of \$3,768.55 per month. The Town received \$10,136.21 re-imbursements: \$7,111.70 from the Commonwealth for aid rendered to unsettled cases, and \$3,024.51 from cities and towns for aid rendered to families settled in other communities. The net cost to the Town for General Relief was \$35,086.39. An average of two hundred and nine persons a month were aided at a net cost of \$13.98 each.

The Aid to Dependent Children program is administered by the Board of Public Welfare under the supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare. This program of public

assistance is established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws under which cash allowances are provided for children, when death, long term illness, or some other factor has deprived them of normal support.

In order to be eligible, the child or children must be under 16 years of age or between 16 and 18 years old and regularly attending school; also must live in a home maintained by their father, mother or other relative. The child or children must have resided in Massachusetts for one year immediately preceding date of application.

Under this program, the expenditures were \$28,805.97. An average of 64 mothers and children a month, were aided. The Commonwealth re-imbursed \$8,988.50 and \$6,737.03 from Federal Grants. The amount of Federal allocation for administration expenses is determined by the number of recipients interviewed and home visits made by the Agent and Social Worker.

The Child Welfare Services Unit sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare, the Federal Children's Bureau, the Towns of Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge, is also under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare.

The local Infirmary had an average of sixteen inmates a month. The total cost for 1949 was \$8,114.58, the Town received \$1,420.70 re-imburements from the Commonwealth and individuals; the net cost to the town, \$6,693.88.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE DESROSIER, Chairman,  
HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk,  
MARIE LARIVIERE, Third Member,  
HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent,  
Board of Public Welfare.

# OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Old Age Assistance is a program of public assistance established under Chapter 118a of the General Laws. In order to be eligible, a person must be a citizen, 65 years of age and in need; also, the applicant must have resided in Massachusetts continuously during the year preceding the date of application, and for at least two more years during the preceding nine years.

In determining the need of an applicant, income from any source and property ownership of all types must be considered. Under the law, the applicant is permitted to retain \$3,000 equity in a home before a mortgage bond is required, personal property or savings of not more than \$500.00, and insurance policies when cash surrender value is less than \$1,000.

## Expenses

Total Cost Yearly	\$174,830.48	Aver. Cost Monthly	\$14,569.20
Cost to Town Yearly	26,560.38	Aver. Cost to Town	
		Monthly	2,213.56

## Re-Imbursements

Federal .....	\$ 84,294.05
State .....	62,269.06
Cities and Towns .....	1,706.99
Total .....	<u>\$148,270.10</u>

## Case Load

January .....	261	July .....	266
February .....	262	August .....	269
March .....	262	September .....	267
April .....	269	October .....	279
May .....	267	November .....	278
June .....	266	December .....	284

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE DESROSIER, Chairman  
HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk,  
MARIE LARIVIERE, Third Member,  
HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent,  
Board of Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1949. All appropriations voted since 1948. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by taxation .....	\$1,226,967.13	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1948 since 1948 tax rate was fixed	143,936.01	
Amount voted in 1948 to be taken from the Taxy Levy of 1949:—		
Town Hall Account .....	53.75	
Selectmen's Clerk's Salary Account .....	130.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,371,086.89

### STATE:

	1949	1948	
Tax and Assessments	Estimates	Underestimates	
State Tax (No State Tax in 1949)			
State Parks & Reservations	\$ 1,262.31	\$ 173.11	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts .....	643.84		
State Examination of Retirement System .....	52.37		
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	\$ 1,958.52	\$ 173.11	2,131.63

### COUNTY:

Tax and Assessments			
County Tax .....	\$40,113.98	\$4,371.65	
Tuberculosis .....	27,725.95	4,007.85	
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	\$67,839.93	\$8,379.50	76,219.43

OVERLAY of Current Year		16,687.24
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$1,466,125.19
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### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Estimated receipts for the year 1949	\$443,196.14
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## Amounts Voted to be Taken from Available Funds:

Amounts and dates of approval by Commissioner  
of Corporations and Taxation

\$ 4,629.10—July 2, 1948  
10,560.00—Nov. 1, 1948  
22,150.00—Nov. 2, 1948  
1,200.00—Nov. 9, 1948  
6,320.28—Dec. 21, 1948  
99,076.63—Apr. 1, 1949

\$143,936.01

\$143,936.01

\$587,132.15

**Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds**

\$587,132.15

**Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on  
Polls and Property**

\$878,993.04

Number of Polls, 5998 @ \$2 each .... \$ 11,996.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property \$ 2,707,120.00 151,598.72

Real Estate ..... 12,774,970.00 715,398.32

\$15,482,090.00

**Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property**

\$878,993.04

**Items not Entering into the Determination  
of the Tax Rate**

Betterment and Special Assessments:

Sewer Assessments in 1949 ..... \$6,227.06

Betterment and Special Assessments  
added to Taxes

Sewer Assessments in 1949 & Int. .... 184.92

Sewer Assessments in 1949 & Int. .... 5,563.02

**Total of all Other Commitments** ..... 11,975.00

**Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls & Property  
and Assessments Committed to the Collector  
to Date of Tax Rate** .....

890,968.04

**Additional Assessments:**

Nov. 7th, 1949, 61 Polls @ \$2 each ..... 122.00

Warrant to Collector, Nov. 7th, 1949 ..... 122.00

May 31st, 1949—47 Polls @ \$2 each ..... 94.00

Aug. 15th, 1949, 19 Polls @ \$2 each ..... 38.00

Warrant to Collector, May 31st, 1949 ..... 94.00

Warrant to Collector, Aug. 15th, 1949 ..... 38.00

<b>Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate .....</b>	<b>\$15,482,090.00</b>
<b>Total Warrants to Collector on Polls, Real Estate, Personal, Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments for 1949 .....</b>	<b>891,222.04</b>
<b>Valuation on Motor Vehicles</b>	
For 1949 .....	\$ 2,209,430.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1949 .....	71,991.89
Warrant to Collector for 1949 .....	\$ 71,991.89
<b>Total Assessed Valuation for 1949 Including Motor Vehicles .....</b>	<b>\$17,691,520.00</b>
<b>Total Warrants to Coll. for 1949 ....</b>	<b>956,986.87</b>
<b>Value of Exempted Property</b>	
Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals .....	\$1,730,485.00
Town Property .....	1,776,540.00
U. S. Post Office Property .....	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project .....	144,250.00
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	\$3,749,275.00
<b>Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed, 5,556.</b>	

CHARLES NORMANDIN,  
JOSEPH LAFLECHE,  
RAYMOND BENOIT,  
Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Last year I sprayed the town Elm trees with parathion and DDT, trying to check the Dutch Elm disease, cut and burned five trees with Dutch Elm disease, have twelve more trees that the state men have found to have Dutch Elm disease and should be cut and burned in 1950 but more money will be needed for this work.

I did some trimming of trees on various streets in town, cabled and braced some that were weak in some places. I am asking Finance Committee for extra money to purchase twenty-five young trees to plant on various streets in town.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILBUR WILSON, Tree Warden.

## GYPSE MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Last year we found and exterminated 8,632 gypsy moth egg clusters, this included the spring and fall extermination. Inspection was restricted only to trees under town jurisdiction because of the limited amount of funds. I find the moth situation somewhat better since we have sprayed the trees.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR WILSON,  
Gypsy Moth Supt.

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1949, giving names of members of the fire department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires.

We responded to 10 bell alarms and 385 still alarms, total of 395 alarms.

302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year, total \$16,610.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of Buildings .....	\$1,265,000.00
Loss on Buildings .....	69,201.22
Insurance on Buildings .....	2,797,100.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings .....	66,091.00
Value of Contents .....	247,500.00
Loss on Contents .....	96,313.06
Insurance on Contents .....	218,300.00
Insurance Paid on Contents .....	91,213.06

### Inventory of the Fire Department

Two Fire Stations .....	75,000.00
Fire Apparatus .....	30,000.00
Fire Department Supplies .....	9,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System .....	4,000.00

## ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief ..... Oswald Meunier  
Deputy Chief ..... Daniel Daniels

### Permanent Firemen

Captain Emile Caouette	Lieut. Archie Langevin
Harry Gendron	Victor Caouette
Ovila Donais	Edward McNally
Ernest Collette	Romeo Mathieu
Alva Gregoire	Napoleon White
Henry Desourdy	Jean St. Amant

### Callmen Hose No. 1

Captain Hermas Lippe	Lieut. Stewart Casavant
Clarence Blais	George Hogan
Lionel Peloquin	Ernest Tremblay
Leopold Langlois	Albert Beaudry
	Roland Larochelle

### Callmen Aerial No. 1

Captain Ovide Desrosier	Lieut. Eugene Blais
Napoleon Blais	Ronald Sheriff
Romeo Lippe	Archie Ruzzoli
Armand Durocher	Normand Larochelle

### Callmen Hose No. 2

Captain Adelard Lepage	Lieut. Eugene Gaumont
Alexander Daigle	Walter Kingsbury
Aime Ravenelle	Melvin Williams
Armand Gibeault	George Plouffe

Supt. of Fire Alarm ..... James C. Sandgren

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Permits

Transporting Gasoline .....	5
High Explosives .....	9
Range Oil Burners .....	215
Power Oil Burners .....	125
Open Air Permits .....	381
Removal of Gasoline Tanks .....	1
Decorations .....	25
Bottled Gas Permits .....	160

### Inspections

Stores .....	161
Hotels and Boarding Houses .....	49
Tenement Houses .....	1780

Range Oil Burners .....	215
Power Oil Burners .....	125
Clubs and Cafes .....	96
Locked Out .....	13
Complaints .....	41

Jan. 6—Still alarm at 11:15 a. m. Tenement at 128 Highland St. Owned by Ernest Persse. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

Jan. 21—Still alarm at 10:25 p. m. Tenement at 107 Pine St. Owned by G. Joseph Pinsonneault. Caused by portable oil burner explosion. Insured.

Jan. 30—Box 57 at 10.20 p. m. Tenement at 196 Everett St. Owned by Edward Bonnette. Caused by defective stove pipe. Insured.

Feb. 22—Still alarm at 3:25 p. m. Business block at 284 Main St. Owned by Masonic Bldg. Assoc. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

Feb. 25—Still alarm at 10:48 a. m. Grain elevator at 51 Foster St. Owned by Weld & Beck. Caused by a rat's nest against stove pipe. Insured.

Feb. 27—Box 21 at 5:00 a. m. Tenement at Dennison District. Owned by Joseph Desaulniers. Cause unknown. Insured.

March 15—Still alarm at 6:05 a. m. Tenement at 21 Goddard St. Owned by Onorato Micheli. Caused by blankets on steam pipes. Insured.

March 26—Still alarm at 12:35 a. m. Business block at 37 Central St. Owned by John B. Dragon. Caused by a discarded cigarette in waste basket. Insured.

March 9—Still alarm at 6:00 a. m. Garage at 373 Main St. Owned by Joseph Hamel. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

April 3—Box 43 at 3:03 a. m. Mill at Sandersdale. Owned by Bernard Golding. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

April 10—Still alarm at 3:15 a. m. Tenement at 149 Mill St. Owned by Joseph St. George. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

April 23—Still alarm at 6:50 a. m. Store house at 6 Bowlen Avenue. Owned by Louis Colognesi. Caused by overheated motor in electric refrigerator. Insured.

May 1—Box 413 at 11:20 a. m. Tenement in Dennison District. Owned by William Barnes. Cause unknown.

- June 11—Still alarm at 6:04 p. m. Tenement at 8 Roger Street. Owned by George Mitsis. Caused by portable oil burner explosion. Insured.
- June 15—Still alarm at 6:55 p. m. Tenement at 192 Chapin Street. Owned by Mrs. George Grant. Caused by electric pad. Insured.
- July 1—Still alarm at 5:45 p. m. Tenement at 15-17 Benefit Street. Owned by Anna Piccione. Caused by fireworks. Insured.
- July 2—Box 423 at 2:21 p. m. Barn at North Woodstock Road. Owned by Alpheus Wright. Caused by a discarded cigarette. Insured.
- Aug. 27—Still alarm at 8:10 a. m. Storehouse at River Street. Owned by Harrington Cutlery Co. Caused by defective electric switch. Insured.
- Aug. 31—Still alarm at 7:40 a. m. Tenement at 138 Elm Street. Owned by Anthony Piucci. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Sept. 8—Still alarm at 1:35 p. m. Tenement at 128 Elm Street. Owned by John Soldani. Caused by a discarded match in waste basket. Insured.
- Sept. 11—Box 37 at 2:27 p. m. Tenement at 108 Chapin Street. Owned by Mrs. Napoleon and Claire Senecal. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- Sept. 11—Still alarm at 2:35 p. m. Tenement at 313 South Street. Owned by James Lacey. Caused by flooded power oil burner. Insured.
- Sept. 20—Still alarm at 11:12 p. m. Tenement at 5 Moon Street. Owned by Frank Bouvier. Caused by spark from cigarette. Insured.
- Sept. 25—Still alarm at 1:15 a. m. Tenement at 415 Charlton Street. Owned by Steve Simonelli. Caused by spark from cigarette. Insured.
- Sept. 20—Still alarm at 11:12 p. m. Tenement at 5 Moon Street. Owned by Frank Nichols. Caused by jack o'lantern. Insured.
- Oct. 31—Still alarm at 7:40 p. m. Tenement at 35 Worcester Street. Owned by Louis Delage. Caused by jack o'lantern. Insured.
- Nov. 13—Still alarm at 10:10 p. m. Tenement at 18 Thomas Street. Owned by Tony Commito. Caused by short circuit in extension cord. Insured.

Dec. 4—Still alarm at 7:10 a. m. Tenement at Lebanon Hill Road. Owned by Joseph Mandeville. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

Dec. 12—Still alarm at 1:58 p. m. Tenement at 20 Lebanon Street. Owned by William F. Lachapelle. Caused by flooded pot burner. Insured.

Dec. 14—Box 34 at 4:45 a. m. Business at 291-293 Main Street. Owned by Blanchard Bros. Cause unknown. Insured.

Dec. 23—Box 48 at 9:57 p. m. Tenement at 245 Charlton Street. Owned by Eva Belanger. Caused by defective electric candle. Insured.

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department, wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,  
ARCHIE LANGEVIN, (Clerk).

## FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 53 alarms for forest fires in 1949.

Fire Warden's Salary, \$200.00.

There were 381 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

One forest fire pump with 3,000 ft. of 1½ hose .....	\$1,800.00
2,800 ft. of 1-inch hose .....	1,400.00
6 1½ shut-off nozzles .....	125.00

6	1-inch shut-off nozzles .....	120.00
8	Open end nozzles .....	54.00
1	½-ton Ford truck .....	1,000.00
1	1-ton Ford truck .....	150.00
17	2½-gallon extinguishers .....	119.00
13	Indian fire pumps .....	170.00
2	2½-gallon hand pumps .....	30.00
3	Ten-quart pails .....	2.50
20	Brooms .....	20.00
2	Shovels .....	2.00
12	Reducers .....	60.00

#### Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Harry Michaels	Archie Langevin
Albert Servant	Emile Caouette	Rosario Bellerose
Romeo Lippe	Joseph Mandeville	

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Forest Fire Department Warden.

## AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$700.00 made for this department.

In 1949 the ambulance department has collected \$1,574.00.

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips:

#### Out of town trips at no charge

Public Welfare .....	2
Old Age Assistance .....	2
Town Infirmary .....	2
Abated .....	7
Southbridge .....	236
Sturbridge .....	57
Worcester .....	54
Charlton .....	22
Fiskdale .....	14
Brimfield .....	10
Boston .....	9
Grafton .....	6

Dodge .....	6
Spencer .....	5
Framingham .....	4
Springfield .....	3
West Dudley .....	3
Holland .....	4
Dorchester .....	2
East Brimfield .....	2
Fall River .....	2
Millbury .....	2
Dudley .....	2
Brookline .....	1
West Boylston .....	1
South Attleboro .....	1
Arlington .....	1
West Brimfield .....	1
Willimantic .....	1
Wales .....	1
Mashapaug .....	1
Warren .....	1
Palmer .....	1
Hartford .....	1
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Total trips for 1949 .....	467

#### Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1 Cadillac Ambulance .....	\$5,500.00
1 Ford Ambulance .....	500.00
2 Spare Tires .....	55.00
2 Folding Stretchers .....	60.00
1 Orthopatic Stretcher .....	60.00
2 First Aid Kits .....	12.00
11 Blankets .....	55.00
2 Flame Proof Blankets .....	90.00
12 Sheets .....	12.00
8 Pillow Cases .....	6.00
3 Pillows .....	7.50

## VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

This Department is pleased to submit for your consideration its fourth report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the town of South-

bridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance .....	15
Burial .....	10
Civil Service .....	140
Compensation .....	85
Discharge	
Copy .....	18
Recorded .....	26
Education, Training, Rehabilitation .....	186
Employment .....	200
Filing for Bonus .....	14
Flags .....	10
Hospitalization .....	71
Housing .....	102
Insurance .....	642
Legal .....	22
Loans .....	60
Medical-Dental .....	340
Miscellaneous .....	250
Notarization .....	175
Pensions .....	64
Photostat .....	180
Readjustment Allowance .....	13
Social Security .....	18
Taxes .....	72
Unemployment Compensation .....	282
Veterans' Benefits	
Temporary Cases .....	66
Permanent Cases .....	47
Selective Service Act of 1948 .....	40

This office operates under Chapter 115 and Chapter 584 of the General Laws to determine proper expenditures of Veterans' Benefits.

During 1949 this Department approved aid to benefit sixty-six temporary cases and forty-seven permanent cases.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans' Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, local industries and all others with whose cooperation the services of this Department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL H. BENOIT, Director.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 17, and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, chairman; Ernest Tetreault, clerk, and Dr. Robert W. DeJordy, third member. We held twelve (12) regular meetings and fifteen (15) special meetings.

On August 1st, Mr. Ernest Tetreault submitted his resignation as member of the Board of Health to take effect September 1st when his appointment as Board of Health Agent and Sanitary Inspector was to become effective.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Henry Demers as a member of the Board to replace Mr. Ernest Tetreault, effective September 1st.

The Board reorganized at their September meeting with Dr. Raymond F. Haling, chairman; Dr. Robert W. DeJordy, clerk, Henry Demers, third member.

For many years, the State Department of Health has been urging your local Board to reorganize and reapportion the work of the department in order to render more efficient service in its various branches. This was accomplished in the following manner. The position of agent was taken away from the Board of Health Nurse in order to leave her free to devote her time to nursing, which is of utmost importance. She has charge of the general nursing care in the three (3) Parochial Schools and is in attendance at the tuberculosis, dental, pre-school and immunization clinics. In addition, she is responsible for home contact work in communicable diseases.

The positions of Sanitary Inspector and Slaughtering Inspector were taken away from Mr. Joseph Chagnon, in order that he might devote his time to improving the service in his remaining work; viz: plumbing inspector, milk inspector and food inspector. It is felt that these three phases of the work of the Board require the full time attention of this man.

The appointment of Slaughtering Inspector was made at our September meeting and the application of Mr. Alcide Fournier was favorably acted upon. Mr. Fournier satisfactorily completed a course of instruction with the Federal Meat Inspectors and his appointment was approved by the State Department of Health.

Under this reorganization program, the Board of Health has been able to observe the application of broader and more exacting Public Health work in our community.

The reports of the various members of our organization will bear out the results of such reorganization.

It is hoped that the townspeople will continue to cooperate with the Board and its members and further our efforts to give you an effective and efficient Health Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.  
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.,  
HENRY E. DEMERS.

## REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Board of Health, Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The results of the annual inspection of pupils in the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

### St. Mary's School—Number examined, 149

#### List of Defects

Teeth .....	79
Enlarged Tonsils .....	42
Tonsils Removed .....	9
(Defect corrected)	
Ears (Cerumen) .....	2
Eye (squint) .....	1
Eyes Corrected with Glasses .....	12
Enlarged Cervical Glands .....	1
Skin (Acne) .....	2

### Notre Dame School—Number examined, 480

Teeth .....	104
Enlarged Tonsils .....	87
Tonsils Removed .....	8
(Defect corrected)	
Ears (Cerumen) .....	2
Eyes Corrected with Glasses .....	29
Enlarged Cervical Glands .....	2
Skins (Acne) .....	17
Heart .....	1
Posture .....	2

### Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School—Number examined, 259

Teeth .....	91
Enlarged Tonsils .....	58

Tonsils Removed .....	6
(Defect Corrected)	
Ears (Cerumen) .....	2
Eyes (Squint) .....	2
Eyes Corrected with Glasses .....	7
Skin (Acne) .....	8

The elementary grade was examined in the pre-school clinic before the regular school session.

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1949.

### Tuberculosis Consultation Clinics

During the past year, the tuberculosis consultation clinics have been conducted as usual by the staff of the Rutland State Sanatorium.

Since the value of chest X-ray is recognized, the facilities of this service have been used more and more by various groups and industries to check contacts. Thirty-eight men in a local industry were X-rayed after contact with a fellow-employee, as a precautionary measure. Another group consisted of thirty-two children, eight teachers, and a janitor.

A total of three hundred and fifty were X-rayed and examined in this clinic. The largest number since its organization, nearly sixteen years ago.

Twenty-two doctors, representing nineteen towns, received this service.

### Diphtheria Immunization Clinics

Diphtheria is best prevented by immunization of all children, early in life—from six months to six years is the ideal time.

In the past three years there has been an increase in the number of cases reported in the State. To further protect children immunized three or more years ago, a booster dose of toxoid is recommended.

Four toxoid clinics were held during the Spring, ninety-eight children received the regular immunization doses of toxoid, and seventy-six children, the booster dose.

### **Dental Clinics**

Following our regular schedule, all school children in the first four grades in the public and parochial schools are eligible to attend the clinics. Each child with a permit from his parents, is admitted and given the necessary treatment, insofar as our program will allow.

Nevertheless, we feel that we have contributed considerably in the prevention and correction of dental defects and the importance of oral hygiene.

Five hundred and sixty-two children had their teeth cleaned; there were one hundred and nine fillings, and fifteen extractions.

### **Pre-School Clinics**

Registration and physical examinations were conducted by the School Health Department and the Board of Health.

So many more children were registered, due to the opening of a public kindergarten, that it was necessary to have five clinics instead of the regular two as in previous years.

The medical history of each one admitted to the clinic was recorded, as well as the height and weight, and any behavior problems that might handicap the young child during his first year at school. A total of three hundred and thirty-nine registered.

The following week, the above group reported for a physical examination to their own physician or to the school physicians and dentist serving in the dental clinic.

The physical fitness of each child is the first aim of the clinics, in order to make it possible for the children to enter school free from remedial defects.

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Five boys were admitted to the Sterling Health Camp, but one was unable to adjust himself and was dismissed after a week. The remaining four spent the entire eight weeks.

Selection of children was made on the following basis: Contacts to tuberculosis; positive tuberculin tests; suspicious X-ray findings or definite malnutrition.

Considerable improvement was noted in each child, due to the well-planned and supervised program during this period.

The annual sale of Christmas Seals maintains the Camp and pays the services of a nurse to assist at the monthly clinic. This is a part of a nation-wide program for the prevention of tuberculosis.

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Eight hundred and eighty-eight pupils in the elementary grades of the parochial schools were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. Defects noted were recorded and reported to parents.

The children in Ste. Jeanne d'Arc school, with the exception of the pre-primary group had an eye test with the Massachusetts Vision Test Kit. This test provides an improved method for detecting children with suspected visual handicap. From those screened by the test, the eye specialist can determine which cases should receive treatment.

The test is based on tried and familiar technique used by the eye specialists. The administrator only determines which child passes, and which child fails—referral cases become the responsibility of the family eye specialist.

Two hundred and fifty-seven were examined—of which nineteen failed to register a perfect score. This number includes children under treatment and some with congenital eye conditions.

Dr. Robert W. DeJordy, podiatrist, examined the feet of the pupils in the three parochial schools. Separate notices of defects were sent home to their parents.

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The communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were placarded according to local requirements. A home visit was made in each case and instructions given to prevent the spread of disease.

Generous funds donated by the Lions' Club has provided milk for a considerable number of parochial school children. It is a worthy cause—well appreciated by all concerned.

At this time, I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

## REPORT OF AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health from January 1st, to July 1st, 1949, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox .....	22	Lobar Pneumonia .....	3
Dogbite .....	13	Pulmonary Tuberculosis ....	3
German measles .....	7	Miliary Tuberculosis .....	1
Measles .....	307	Tubercular Pleurisy .....	1
Mumps .....	49	Trichinosis .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	9	<b>Total</b> .....	416

List of deaths in Town from January 1st to July 1st, 1949, for which this office has issued permits for burial:

### Diseases of the Circulatory System

Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease .....	2
Arteriosclerosis (general) .....	4
Acute Heart Failure .....	4
Acute Coronary Occlusion .....	2
Congestive Heart Disease .....	1
Coronary Heart Disease .....	3
Coronary Sclerosis .....	4
Coronary Thrombosis .....	9
Hypertensive Heart Disease .....	1
Chronic Myocarditis .....	1
Myocardial Failure .....	2

### Diseases of the Nervous System

Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	9
Cerebral Thrombosis .....	1
Infarct Emboli .....	1
Subarachnoid Hemorrhage .....	1

### Diseases of the Digestive System

Abscess of Liver .....	1
Acute Gastro-enteritis .....	1
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	2
Cancer of Stomach .....	2
Cancer of Pancreas .....	1
Diabetes Mellitus .....	1
Esophageal Varices .....	1
Intestinal Obstruction .....	2
Carcinoma of Colon .....	1

### Diseases of the Respiratory System

Carcinoma of Both Lungs .....	1
Bronchopneumonia .....	1
Lobar Pneumonia .....	1

### Diseases of the Gentio-Urinary System

Adenocarcinoma of the Breast .....	2
Adenocarcinoma of the Uterus .....	1
Carcinoma of the Bladder .....	1
Carcinoma of Ovaries .....	1

### All Others

Prematurity .....	3
Second and Third Degree Burns .....	1
Stillborn .....	3
War Casualties .....	3
Certificate Issued for Transfer from St. George to Oak Ridge Cemetery .....	1
Total .....	76

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

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To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health from July 1st to December 31st, 1949, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox .....	37	Whooping Cough .....	1
German Measles .....	3	Dogbite .....	8
Lobar Pneumonia .....	1	Measles .....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	6	Mumps .....	16
Scarlet Fever .....	3	<b>Total</b> .....	76

List of deaths in Town from July 1st to December 31st, 1949, for which this office has issued burial permits:

### Diseases of the Circulatory System

Coronary Heart Disease .....	7
Arteriocelerosis .....	4
Coronary Occlusion with Myocardial Infarct .....	4
Coronary Occlusion .....	1
Coronary Thrombosis .....	18

Chronic Myocarditis .....	9
Arteriosclerotic Heart .....	4
Myocardial Failure .....	3

#### **Diseases of the Nervous System**

Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	12
Infarct Emboli .....	1

#### **Diseases of the Respiratory System**

Pulmonary Embolism .....	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia .....	4
Broncho Pneumonia .....	8
Pulmonary Infarct .....	1

#### **Diseases of the Digestive System**

Cancer of Stomach .....	1
Cancer of Colon .....	1

#### **Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System**

Adeno-Carcinoma of Colon .....	2
Renal Failure .....	2
Cancer of Prostate .....	2
Cancer of Gall Bladder .....	1

#### **All Others**

Fractured Skull .....	5
Suicide by Gas .....	1
Prematurity .....	5
Burns .....	2
Stillborn .....	5
War Casualties .....	1
Total .....	105

Respectfully submitted,  
ERNEST TETREAULT, Agent.

### **REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOOT EXAMINATION**

To the Board of Health and  
The Parochial School Physician

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I submit my report on the foot examination of the Parochial School children for the year ending December 31, 1949.

In the 3 Parochial schools a total of 1113 children were examined and 183 were found to have foot conditions of greater

or lesser severity. In the more severe or acute cases, the school nurse, Miss Marguerite Houle, was asked to contact the parents and advise them prompt medical care should be instituted. To all others a card was mailed notifying them of the existing conditions.

Following is a tabulation of the defects noted:

Weak feet .....	18	Flat feet .....	18
Pronation .....	7	Depressed metatarsal .....	10
Talipes .....	1	Pes cavus .....	5
Knock knees .....	2	Hallux Valgus .....	7
Hallux Flexus .....	1	Nail conditions .....	6
Skin affections .....	26	Sweat gland disturbances .....	30
Heloma .....	9	Tylosis .....	8
Verrucae .....	4	Infections .....	4
Benign growth .....	1	Anomalies .....	1
Deformities .....	1	Injuries .....	10
Bursitis .....	1	Other minor conditions .....	17

I gratefully acknowledge the interest and cooperation of the School authorities, the parents and the invaluable assistance to the Parochial School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health  
Gentlemen:

At the present time, slightly more than 25% of our milk supply is produced by Southbridge farmers, the remaining 75% being bought by our local dealers from dairy farmers in Brimfield, the Brookfields, Charlton, Dudley, North Grosvenordale, Conn., Sturbridge, Pomfret, Putnam and the Woodstocks, Conn.

During the year, we collected samples of milk and cream from 97 dairy farms, 15 vehicle dealers, 5 local milk plants as well as from various stores and restaurants.

**Number of Samples Collected**—679.

**Tests for Butter-Fats**—607 samples tested, 22 samples were below the state standard of 3.35%.

**Tests for Solids. (Adulteration)**—482 samples. 133 samples were below the state standard of 12.00% for total solids.

**Tests for Acidity**—158 samples tested. 39 samples were in excess of accepted standards.

**Phosphatase Tests**—182 samples tested. 6 samples were found to be insufficiently pasteurized.

**Microscopic Bacteria Count**—519 examinations, 138 samples had counts higher than the A. P. H. A. standards.

**Mastitis Tests**—(Microscopic examinations of smears from suspected milk or cream cultures.)—63 samples were examined, of which 18 were found to be positive.

We also granted the following licenses:

Pasteurizing Plants .....	5	at	\$10.00	each
Ice Cream Manufacturing .....	2	at	5.00	each
Milk Dealers (Vehicle) .....	15	at	.50	each
Milk Dealers (Stores and Restaurants) .....	90	at	.50	each
Oleomargarine, Licenses and Registrations....	86	at	.50	each

The fees received for the above licenses were turned in monthly to our Town Treasurer.

We also made 273 inspection calls at dairy farms and milk plants supplying milk to our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Milk.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF FOOD

### The Sanitation of Eating and Drinking Establishments

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

More than 18,000 persons daily patronize our 69 food and drink dispensing establishments, exclusive of our markets and fruit stores, bakeries, etc.

These people are served by approximately 375 waitresses, cooks, bartenders, or other personnel from 97 separate serving units requiring different sanitary arrangements and maintenance, inspections and tests. This equipment alone represents a comparatively large investment by its owners and operators, and is designed primarily to promote the safe and sanitary storing and serving of food and drink to the public.

During the year we made 170 equipment inspections and conducted utensil swabbing tests indicating the efficiency of washing and sterilizing methods.

The results of such swabbing tests were approximately the same as last year, that is: about 28% of these establishments washed and sterilized their utensils satisfactorily and had a bacteria count under 100, while 72% had much higher or excessive counts indicating fair to poor or even entirely unsatisfactory methods.

While there has been considerable improvement in equipment and locations during the year, there is still a lack of understanding of the proper methods of operation and purposes of sanitation by too many owners and operators.

Early in 1950, we are planning to organize a short course comprising of a series of lectures for food and drink handlers setting forth the aims and purposes of sanitation. New inspection forms and grading sheets will also be used which will enable owners and operators to more easily comply with the various items of inspection.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON, Inspector

## REPORT OF THE SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

From January 1st to September 1st, 1949, we were present on the premises and assisted at the slaughtering of the following animals:

CATTLE .....	15 Heads	SHEEP .....	0
CALVES .....	26 Heads	GOATS .....	2 Heads
HOGS .....	45 Heads		—
		<b>Total</b> .....	88 Heads

During the course of inspections, we made 3 confiscations involving minor parts of carcasses.

We made 47 round trips to our 2 licensed slaughter-houses and to various neighboring farmers.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

From September 1, 1949, I was present on the premises and assisted at the slaughtering of the following animals:

CATTLE .....	6 Heads	SHEEP .....	4 Heads
CALVES .....	32 Heads		—
HOGS .....	56 Heads	<b>Total</b> .....	98 Heads

During the course of inspection, I made 3 confiscations involving minor parts of carcasses.

I made 56 round trips to our 2 licensed slaughter-houses and to neighboring farmers.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALCIDE FOURNIER,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

### REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Prior to January 1st of this year, this type of activity was included in the report of the Agent of this Board, and consisted of investigating nuisances and complaints, work that heretofore had been considered as the field duties of the Agent and was part and parcel of that position.

At the time of the undersigned's initial appointment in June of 1938, and upon the request of the appointing Board, we agreed to do this field work of the Agent as a matter of suitable convenience related to other similar work performed by the undersigned.

This year, your Board decided to call this work Sanitary Inspecting and allotted a salary to the position. Your Board officially appointed the undersigned to this position in March, and we performed this work as in the past to the best of our ability and knowledge up to September 1st, when the present incumbent took over these duties. Therefore, we feel this report and its related comments as inserted herein are not out of place.

Complaints were considerably less numerous this year than in the past. From January 1st to September 1st, 32 complaints were investigated and acted upon, but many more were received anonymously in the mail or by phone.

These 32 complaints required 69 investigating visits, more than 50 pieces of correspondence, and numerous calls at the Assessors' office to ascertain the ownership of properties, all of which consumed considerable time and effort, and much of which could be eliminated by the exercise of a moderate amount of civic pride and a spirit of co-operativeness on the part of the individuals concerned.

It is of paramount importance that at all times, the investigator must be certain that complaints are reasonable and rest upon a solid basis of law, and he must also use all possible caution so as not to encroach upon or slight individual rights.

It naturally follows that all complaints must be justified by proper inspections, and both parties concerned must be either interviewed or contacted. This requires considerable tact and diplomacy, not to mention the necessary training and experience as to what constitutes a nuisance, on the part of the investigator, inasmuch as he can not take anyone's word as to conditions complained of, but must ascertain by a personal visit whether the existing facts justify further action, both punitive or otherwise.

As some of the laws pertaining to this work have been enacted as far back as 1692, it has long ago been proven by time and experience that any approach to a problem of this nature differing from the above, or an expressed personal or official opinion that is not based solidly on existing law, will arouse unnecessary friction with all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Sanitary Inspector.

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets .....	176
Lavatories .....	173
Bath Tubs .....	125
Kitchen Sinks .....	163
Laundry Trays .....	22
Sink and Tray Combinations .....	15
Shower Pans .....	17

Urinals .....	7
Garbage Grinders .....	6
Clothes Washing Machines .....	15
Dish Washing Machines .....	11
Industrial and Laboratory Sinks .....	6
Bar and Soda Fountain Sinks .....	1
Potato Peelers .....	1
Water Pumps .....	6
Indirect and Tankless Water Heaters .....	46
Gas, Oil, Coal and Electric Water Heaters .....	52
Hot Water Coils .....	13
Hot Water Tanks .....	49
<b>Total Fixtures and Appliances .....</b>	<b>904</b>

There were 6 connections to public sewers from cesspools or septic tanks.

Where no public sewers were available, 5 cesspools were constructed and 13 septic tanks were installed with drainage fields.

We also had 31 water piping and other small repair jobs requiring permits.

Number of Permits Granted .....	288
Number of Inspections Made .....	809
Number of Water Tests Conducted .....	46
Unfinished Jobs on December 31st .....	37

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Plumbing.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949. There were 957 permits issued in 1949 as follows:

Permits issued for new buildings .....	67
Permits issued for additions to already erected buildings .....	50
Permits issued for addition to old wiring .....	730

Permits issued for oil burners .....	56
Permits issued for ranges .....	54
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	957
Inspections while work is in progress .....	1174
Recommendations to change wiring .....	34

Respectfully submitted,  
 CLARENCE A. BACHAND,  
 Inspector of Wires.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit our annual report of the police department for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Complaints made in the District Court, 542; males 520, females 20, juveniles 2.

### Miscellaneous

Motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries .....	40
Motor vehicle accidents with property damage .....	46
Motor vehicle licenses and registrations suspended .....	135
Motor vehicle operating violations .....	227
Operating under the influence of liquor .....	13
Parking violations with summons served .....	895
Violations of Town by-laws .....	12
Persons reported missing and found .....	19
Doors or windows found unlocked or open .....	300
Radio calls sent out .....	840
Motor vehicles reported stolen and recovered .....	2
Lodging given to travelers .....	88
Value of property reported stolen .....	\$5,558.23
Property recovered .....	\$4,029.65.      Not recovered \$1,528.58
Property in charge of police department .....	\$66,000.00

In behalf of the members of our department and myself, I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all Town officials for their cooperation and consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ULRIC BRAULT, Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1949:

### Taxes: Levy of 1948

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1949 .....		\$ 37,522.52
Error in reporting outstanding .....		.72
Paid after abatement .....		6.00
		<u>\$ 37,529.24</u>

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 37,368.76	
Abated .....	112.64	
Tax Title .....	42.64	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949 .....	5.20	\$ 37,529.24

### Taxes: Levy of 1949 .....

\$879,247.04

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$834,968.78	
Abated .....	5,831.35	
Tax Title .....	123.48	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949 .....	38,364.23	
	<u>\$879,287.84</u>	
Refunds .....	40.80	\$879,247.04

### Commitment of exempted taxes for

1941 to 1948 inclusive .....	\$689.36
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949 .....	<u>\$689.36</u>

### Excise Taxes: Levy of 1948

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1949 .....	\$ 925.51
Warrant of Jan. 10, 1949 .....	453.27
Error in Abatement .....	.96
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 1,296.54
Abated .....	83.20
	<u>\$1,379.74</u>

### Excise Taxes: Levy of 1949 .....

\$71,991.89

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$68,842.26	
Abated .....	2,281.45	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949 .....	1,725.28	
	<u>\$72,848.99</u>	
Refunds .....	857.10	\$71,991.89

Tax Title recommitted, Illegal Titles		\$48.90
Taken for Tax Title Possessions .....		\$48.90
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Sewer Assessments: Levy for 1948 .....		\$599.49
Payments to Treasurer .....		\$599.49
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Sewer Assessments Int.; Levy of 1948		\$32.48
Payments to Treasurer .....		\$32.48
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Sewer Assessments (Special)		
Levy for 1948 .....		\$7,276.90
Payments to Treasurer .....		258.15
Added to Taxes of 1949 .....		7,018.75
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Special Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1949 .....		\$6,227.06
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$1,964.93	
Abated .....	2,534.25	
To be added to Taxes .....	1,768.88	
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	\$6,268.06	
Refunds .....	41.00	\$6,227.06
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1949 .....		\$5,170.77
		153.19
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Payments to Treasurer .....	\$3,181.53	
Outstanding Dec. 31 .....	2,056.38	
Tax Title .....	86.05	\$5,323.96
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Sewer Assessment Int.: Levy of 1949 ....		\$392.25
		31.73
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Payments to Treasurer .....	\$245.37	\$423.98
Outstanding December 31 .....	172.16	
Tax Title .....	6.45	\$423.98
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Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments:		
Levy of 1948		
Real Estate .....	\$858.43	
Personal .....	73.02	
Demands .....	1.05	
Costs of Sales .....	10.00	

Excise .....	.92	
Special Sewers .....	10.10	
Added Sewer .....	21.82	
Levy of 1949		
Real Estate .....	67.84	
Personal .....	8.66	
Demands .....	91.70	
Excise .....	2.80	
Added Interest .....	21.17	
Grand Total Collected in 1949		\$1,166.51 \$949,973.69

I wish to thank the Townspeople and various Town officials for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MEDERIC DUHAMEL,  
Tax Collector.

## REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1949:

### CONTRACTS

	Length	Built by
South St. Reconstruction	1275 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.
Elm St. Reconstruction	1250 L. F.	Stanley Ciesla
Everett St. Reconstruction	225 L. F.	Stanley Ciesla
Westwood Parkway Drain	875 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.
Dean Brook Culvert	Bridge	Trahan Bros.
Swimming Pool	Steps	Trahan Bros.
Morris St. Reconstruction	1700 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.
	450 L. F. (extra)	
Charlton St. Reconstruction	3200 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.
Mechanic St. Sewer	1011 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.
Mechanic, East Main St. Sewer	883 L. F.	Frank J. Shields, Inc.

West Street	2000 L. F.	Highway Department
Foster St. Parking Lot.	Repair Fence	
	and Curbing	Highway Department
Town Dump	1200 L. F.	Highway Department
Cole Avenue	300 L. F.	Highway Department
Cisco Street	200 L. F.	Graded with excess material from Morris Street
Oliver St. Sidewalk	Trees removed	Tree Warden
Ashland Ave. Sidewalk		(No bids)

(Work to be carried over to 1950 due to Massachusetts Department of Public Works requesting this work be delayed until necessary repairs be made on bridges.)

### STREET BOUNDS SET

Vinton St. ....	(1)	Windsor Court .....	(1)
Plimpton St. ....	(2)	West St. ....	(2)
Marsh St. ....	(1)		

### LAYOUT, DESCRIPTION AND PLAN

West Street	Westview Terrace
Adeline Street	Belmont Street
Morris Street	Jennison Street
Golf Street	

### HOUSE NUMBERS

Litchfield Avenue .....	(1)	Roger Street .....	(1)
Beecher Street .....	(1)	Maple Terrace .....	(1)
Morris Street .....	(3)	Hillside Road .....	(1)
Taft Street .....	(1)	Brook Road .....	(1)
Charlton Street .....	(5)	Main Street .....	(1)
West Street .....	(1)	Marcy Street .....	(2)
Elm Street .....	(5)	School Street .....	(1)
Westwood Parkway .....	(1)	Highland Street .....	(1)
Olney Avenue .....	(2)	Fiske Street .....	(1)
Woodstock Road .....	(1)	Marjorie Lane .....	(1)
Jennison Street .....	(1)	North Woodstock Rd. ....	(1)

### ESTIMATES

Curtis St. (Resurfacing)	Ashland Ave. Sidewalk
Oliver St. Sidewalk	Crops Rd. (Resurfacing)
Westwood Parkway Drain	Paige Hill (Resurfacing)
Fairmount Ave. (Resurfacing)	Sewer Disposal Plant
Elm St. (Resurfacing)	(Bridge over Dean Brook)
South Street (West St. to Westville)	Charlton St. Resurfacing
Swimming Pool	North Street Sidewalk
(Concrete Steps)	

## STREET LINES

Marcy Street (2)	Maple Terrace
Liberty St. (Pole Location)	Oakes Avenue
High Street	Cisco Street
South St. (Telephone Poles 2)	Cross Street
Charlton St. (Tel. Poles 2)	Litchfield Avenue (Water)
Morris St. (Telephone Pole)	Elm Street (2)
Brickyard Rd. (Water)	South Street
West Street	Hudson Avenue
Paige Hill (Tel. Pole)	Park Street
Everett Street	Caron Street (2)
Goddard Court (2)	Pleasant Street
Fiske Street	Wall St. (Telephone Pole)
Kingsley Street	Evergreen Street
Eastford Road	Marsh St. (Elec. Light Co.)

## SEWER ASSESSMENTS

West Street	Forest Avenue
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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Sewers

Trunk Line Sewer Gauging  
Mechanic St. (Trunk Line  
Sewer)  
North Woodstock Road  
Clarke Street  
Wall St. Extension (Proposed)  
Highland St. Extension  
Green St. (Veterans Housing)  
Durfee St. (Veterans Housing)  
Franklin Terrace  
Cross Street  
Charlton St. (Vinton  
to Town Line)  
Belmont St.  
Marcy St.

### Property Lines

Alumni Field (West Street)  
South Street  
West Street  
Elm Street  
Oak Ridge Cemetery  
Lens Court

### Drainage

Litchfield Ave. (Brook)  
Brickyard Road  
First and Second Reservoirs  
(U. S. Army Corps of En-  
gineers)  
South Street  
Main St. (Cohasse Brook)  
Westwood Pkwy. (Easement)  
Forest Avenue

### Relocations

Crystal, Mechanic, East  
Main Streets (Chapter 90)

### Resurfacing

High Street Extension

## OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Articles for Annual and Special Town Meetings  
Calculations for Assessors  
Veterans Housing (Peck Land)  
Parking Lot (Rear of Library)  
Soundproofing Rooms in Town Hall (Estimates)  
Morris Street (Right of Way)  
Worcester Street Sidewalk (Check Invoices)  
Sewer Survey of Various Industries  
Sewer Beds (Borings and Elevations)  
Board of Health (Garbage Collections)  
Main Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Hamilton Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Marcy Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Elm Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Foster Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Everett Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Chapin Street (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Goddard Court (Plan for Parking Meters)  
Veterans Housing Project (Piasta Land)  
Kingsley Street (Easement)  
East Main Street (Billboard Permit)  
Goddard Court (Relocation of Light)  
East Main St. (Bridge Repairs by Mass. Dept. of Pub. Wks.  
Oliver Street Sidewalk  
Brickyard Road (Water)  
Alumni Field (Condemnation by Mass. Dept. of Pub. Saf.)  
Veterans Housing Project (Durfee Street)  
Veterans Housing Project (Land off Henry Street)  
East Main St. (Retaining Wall at land of NY NH & H RR)  
Main, East Main nad Crystal Sts. (Test pits and elevations)  
Inspect Gravel  
Athletic Field (Contract for Fence)  
Police Station (Specs. for Boiler)  
Alumni Field (Softball Diamond)  
Guelph Woods Road (Town Dump)  
Moon Street (Street Bound)  
Dean Street (Telephone Pole)  
Clemence Hill Road (Water Hole)

Cohasse Street (Sidewalk)  
 Corriveau Avenue (For Acceptance)  
 Marsh Street (Thru Stop Sign)  
 Town Dump (Bellerose Property)  
 Worcester Street (Tax Title Land)  
 Hook, Foster and Central Streets (Traffic Study)  
 Forest Avenue (Telephone Poles)  
 Street Permits (132)

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all Town Departments for the continued cooperation given me and the Engineering Department during the year 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,  
 Town Engineer.

## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Herewith is the building report of permits issued by this office for the year ending December 31, 1949.

	No. Permits	Add. Fam.	Est. Cost
Single Family Units	32	32	\$254,700.00
Two-Apartment Units	10	20	107,500.00
Additions & Alterations	59	37	122,725.00
Commercial Buildings	4		230,000.00
Private Garages	30		15,900.00
Miscellaneous (Demolition)	1		
	<hr/> 136	<hr/> 89	<hr/> \$730,825.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. SHEA,  
 Building Inspector.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Road Commissioners wishes to submit the following report:—

Our year has been successful insofar as the oiling and maintaining of roads, due in a large part, to an ample appropriation for the oiling of roads.

The following streets and roads were given a coating of MC-1 (penetration) and sand:

Paige Hill Road	Plimpton St. Ext.	Fiske Street
Wall Street	Rose Street	Maple Terrace
Windsor Court	Green Avenue	Woodycrest Avenue
Green Avenue	Clemence Hill Rd.	High St. Ext.
Randolph Street	Forest Avenue	Locust Avenue
Wardwell Court	Beecher Street	Adeline Street
Airport Road	Kingsley Street	

In addition to the above—the following were given a coating of MC-3 (sealer) and sand:

Paige Hill Road	Green Avenue	Breakneck Road
Wall Street	Randolph Street	South Hill Road
Windsor Court	Wardwell Court	Brickyard Road
Fairlawn Avenue	Roberts Street	Forest Avenue
Harrington Street	Airport Road	Beecher Street
Olney Avenue	Walcott Street	Kingsley Street
Thomas Street	Chapin Street	Rogers Street
Henry Street	Park Street	Poor Farm Hill Rd.
Pleasant Street	Summer Street	Maple Terrace
Mill Street	Caron Street	Woodycrest Ave.
Canal Street	Coombs Street	High St. Ext.
Plimpton St. Ext.	Cisco Street	Locust Avenue
Rose Street	Dudley Road	Adeline Street

An approximate amount of 1,800 yards of sand was used with 33,059 gallons of MC-1 and 50,625 gallons of MC-3 to accomplish the above projects.

Our equipment was increased with the addition of an Austin Western, four-wheel steer and four-wheel drive, grader complete with giant V-plow and a 2½ to 3-ton dump truck was purchased to replace a 1938 dump truck. In December it was voted to buy a snow plow for the new truck with the 1949 balance of the New Equipment Account.

In keeping with the past policy of the department, we attempted to keep all country roads in repair by graveling, shaping and rolling—if our request for 1950 oiling is voted we will again concentrate on penetrating and sealing all roads that are in need of it in order to save on maintenance costs.

Regarding special projects—West Street was widened and graveled under the supervision of the Town Engineer insofar as the appropriation voted would allow. The Foster Street Parking Lot was cleaned up and a cement curbing constructed as a guard. The lot repairs will be completed in 1950 with the painting of the fence, construction of a guard rail and surfacing of the parking area.

Our winter of 1948 and 1949 was very mild but when necessary all efforts were made to keep our highways opened and sanded. At the start of the 1949-1950 winter a new policy was inaugurated with the use of pure rock salt applied during snowstorms and it was found, as in other cities and towns, that salt was more effective because it kept the roads clear and also melted the snow, thereby saving on cost of snow removal.

In concluding, we wish to state that all our efforts as Road Commissioners have been to fulfill our duties to the satisfaction of your Board and the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. BACHAND, Chairman,  
ANTHONY CIESLA, Clerk,  
GEORGE LAFLECHE.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge

The aim of the Southbridge Planning Board has been to give every citizen the protection that is due them against the encroachment of their rights by the use of property contrary to the zoning laws.

With the cooperation of the people this board has engaged Mr. Maynard O. Saunders to bring our zoning map up to date.

This board feels that the time has come when we should start thinking about a sanitary station, as we have this in mind,

the logical place would be the depot on Central and Hook Streets, which can be had reasonably, as the lease expires January 1st, 1951.

We have recommended stop signs at the corner of Dresser and Marcy Streets; also North and Mechanic Streets.

We also recommended a street sign on Windsor Court, which our Honorable Selectmen have taken care of.

The board held hearings for zone changes as follows:

Dean Street, from a two-family residence to a retail business district; Morris Street, from a three-family district to a retail business district; Guelphwood Road, from land of Sylvio Proulx, a distance of 1,500 ft.

Zone changes that were turned down at hearings were: Elm Street, corner of Dresser Street; Worcester Street near Vinton Street; Durfee Street; and Main Street from the Ellis Estate to Walnut Street.

Relocation of Dennison District is progressing, and the board recommends an additional amount to continue this work.

Conditional approvals were given to Mr. Joseph A. Goddu for a sub-division on Lebanon Hill; also to Mr. George Wood for a sub-division on Elm Street.

Town-owned land, such as Cole Forest, and the land bordering the river on West Street, would make ideal playgrounds and picnic grounds, which the State will help to defray expenses.

The board recommends this year, as they did last year, that we need a new fire alarm system.

The Planning Board wishes, at this time, to compliment our local Police Chief Uuric Brault, on his fine work in averting any accidental deaths in the Town of Southbridge.

We, the members of the Planning Board, wish at this time to thank all Town officials and the citizens of Southbridge for their co-operation in helping us with our work during the year of 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. DUQUETTE, Chairman,  
FRANCIS N. BISHOP, Secretary,  
BERNARD RAIMONDO,  
RAOUL GAULIN,  
EDWARD SEREMET.

# REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1949.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs. ....	1	4
100-5,000 lbs. ....	2	93
Under 100 lbs. ....	2	206
Weights .....		394
Liquid measures, under 1 gal. ....		43
Gasoline Meters .....		82
Vehicle Tank Meters .....		33
Yard Sticks .....		24
Total	5	879

## Trial Weights of Commodities

	Tested	Correct	Over	Under
Bread .....	180	166	6	8
Butter .....	45	45		
Confectionery .....	60	60		
Dry Commodities .....	35	35		
Flour .....	30	30		
Fruits and Vegetables ..	48	48		
Lard .....	20	20		
Liquid Com. ....	26	26		
Meat & Provisions .....	135	115	5	15
Potatoes .....	72	60		12
	651	605	11	35

## Summary of Inspections

Peddlers Licenses .....	18
Milk Jars .....	24
Paper Containers .....	24
Bread Markings .....	126
Food Package Markings .....	252
Retest of Meters .....	8
Clinical Thermometers .....	7
Oil Jars .....	80
	611

Legislature has raised all sealing fees considerably, this will in turn, raise the amount of revenue turned over to the Town of Southbridge, by this department.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. R. LARIVIERE,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## TRUSTEES

### For the Edwards Bequest

Gertrude W. Smith, Chairman

W. Wesley Crawford

Jacob K. Edwards

John O. Martin

### For the Town

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward Sheehan

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Open 1950

Monday to Friday—10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Saturday —10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

### Closed 1950

Jan. 2	.....New Year's Day	Nov. 11	.....Armistice Day
May 30	.....Memorial Day	Nov. 30	.....Thanksgiving Day
July 4	.....Independence Day	Dec. 25	.....Christmas Day
Sept. 4	.....Labor Day		

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The year 1949 proved to be another increasingly busy one for Jacob Edwards Memorial Library. The circulation of books and periodicals for home use showed an increase of 6,400, which is almost an 8% increase over last year's figures. As was the case in 1948, the reading of children's books accounted for the larger share of this rise in circulation figures—66.7%.

Because of this increased use of library facilities by young library users resulting in crowded conditions and the lack of sufficient personnel for supervision, it became necessary to close the children's room to elementary school children, unless they are accompanied by parents, at six o'clock. Although this

is the usual closing time for children's rooms in public libraries, this change was made here only after much thought and deliberation. The need for a properly equipped and supervised room where children may read, study and consult reference tools is fully understood. Adult library users and high school students also warrant attention and service, however. Under present conditions it seemed necessary to limit children's use of the library to the hours before six o'clock.

The increase in circulation of 4,270 children's books was due, in part, to a story hour and reading club program. Two story hours were held in the spring attended by a capacity audience of about one hundred children and some youngsters were turned away because of lack of seating space. Mrs. Dorothy Stedman of Worcester told the stories. The story hour and reading club supervised by Miss Claire LaForce, children's librarian, and Miss Jean Small, summer assistant, proved very popular. Recordings of both stories and music were used, stories were read and told and the children reported on their reading. Fifty-three youngsters enrolled in the reading club and read a total of 315 books. Many more children, too young to do much reading, appeared at each of the five meetings to hear the stories and music.

The circulation of children's books has reached an all-time high with 33,819 books and periodicals borrowed from the library. This is an increase of 3,273 over last year which held the previous record. With the steady rise in circulation figures and the increased use of existing facilities, the need for a separate and larger room in the library for the children of Southbridge has become more imperative.

Miss Isabel Planeta resigned as children's librarian the first of June to be married. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Miss Claire LaForce was appointed to succeed her. Again the library has been fortunate in acquiring the services of a local person whose qualifications, although they do not include formal library training, have been valuable to the staff.

Miss LaForce made the usual visits to the elementary schools as part of the celebration of Book Week. The response was gratifying as is shown by the circulation of 3,390 children's books during the month of November.

During the year 1949, 1,096 adults and 463 children registered at the library to borrow books, 534 of whom had not had library cards in Southbridge before. This makes a total of 5,548 who have borrowed books from the library in the last four years, or about 29% of the total population of Southbridge. Many people, of course, use the library as a source of information who do not borrow books for home use. Eighty-five maga-

zines and eight newspapers are accessible to everyone in the reading room. Two sets of scholarly, up-to-date encyclopedias and two junior sets, dictionaries, magazine indexes, Atlases, biographical dictionaries and other specialized reference tools are available for reference use.

Many have taken advantage of the inter-library loan service offered by the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries. It is generally possible to borrow almost any book other than fiction and the very latest non-fiction through this service. As in past years, the library has borrowed collections of books in French, Italian, Polish, and Greek through the Division.

Again the trend in adult reading seems to be away from fiction, with a larger increase in non-fiction, especially in the more practical fields. Reading in the various classes has fluctuated considerably in the four years as can be seen from the following table. Biography has come into its own again. The reading of books on religion has doubled in the last four years. Books on the useful arts—medicine, engineering, household economy, business, and the building trades—have received wider use as have the fine arts and recreation books on painting, antique collecting, photography, games and sports.

	1946	1947	1948	1949
General works .....	79	109	130	149
Philosophy .....	539	557	605	724
Religion .....	229	385	341	481
Social science .....	1,141	908	1,173	1,245
Language .....	186	110	169	236
Science .....	618	588	553	567
Useful arts .....	2,016	2,062	1,939	2,417
Fine arts and recreation .....	1,893	1,934	2,131	2,380
Literature .....	2,272	2,213	1,920	2,098
History .....	1,501	1,270	1,325	1,200
Travel .....	1,495	1,660	1,592	1,555
Biography .....	2,802	2,647	2,350	2,846
Current periodicals .....	3,264	3,119	3,331	3,600
Pamphlets .....	110	118	103	129
Total adult non-fiction .....	18,145	17,680	17,660	19,627
Fiction .....	48,437	45,969	43,900	44,132
Foreign books .....	402	686	799	768
Adult total .....	66,984	64,335	62,359	64,527
Children's books and magazines	27,447	27,106	29,548	33,818
Pictures .....	39	77	110	74
Grand total .....	94,431	91,441	92,019	98,419

The friendliness and cooperation of townspeople and trustees are much appreciated by the librarian and the staff. It is their hope that the library can continue to be of service to the people of Southbridge.

### Statistical Record

#### Library—Jacob Edwards Memorial Library

Date of founding .....	1871
Population served .....	17,561
Days open during year .....	306
Hours open each week .....	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1949 .....	33,218
Number of volumes added .....	1,664
New .....	1,592) Including 355 books by gift and
Replaced .....	72) transfer from rental collection.
Number of volumes discarded and lost .....	932
Number of volumes December 31, 1949 .....	33,950
Number of registered borrowers .....	5,548
Number of volumes lent for home use .....	98,419
Largest circulation for one day (January 3) .....	707
Smallest circulation for one day (October 12) .....	143
Average circulation per day .....	321

### Library Staff

Librarian .....	Elaine Van Nostrand
Reference librarian .....	Hilda Heather
General assistant .....	Gladys Hobson
Children's librarian .....	Claire LaForce
Janitor .....	Romualdo DiBonaventura

### Part Time Staff

Joan Baker	Jacqueline Renaud
Dorothy Kimball	Helen Rowley
Natalie Pulsifer	Barbara St. Martin

Phyllis Horne

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE VAN NOSTRAND, Librarian.

# TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### 1949 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

#### 1950 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Item	1949 Receipts	1949 Expenditures	1950 Budget
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c .....	\$13,850.00		
Special (Equipment) .....	1,000.00		
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Transfer from Trust Funds .....	\$14,850.00		
	1,850.00		
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Less Refund to E&D a/c .....	\$16,700.00		
	59.49		
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Transfer to Special Appropriation .....	\$16,640.51		
	1,000.00		
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	\$15,640.51		
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Special Appropriation Reserve			
Jan. 1, 1949 .....			\$2,000.00
1949 Addition .....			1,000.00
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			\$3,000.00

### **Mynott Fund**

Bal. Jan. 1, 1949 .....	\$25.88
Receipts, 1949 .....	20.00
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	\$45.88
Disbursements .....	37.54
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	\$8.34

### **Trustee Funds**

Bal. Jan. 1, 1949 .....	\$ 394.33
Receipts .....	
Edwards Trusts .....	4,810.04
Bradford Trusts .....	97.36
Int. Spec. Res. ....	200.00
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Operating bal. Dec. 31, 1949 .....	\$5,501.73
	483.95
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	\$5,017.78
Transfer to Town a/c .....	1,850.00
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	\$3,167.78

### **Special Reserve**

Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$10,000.00
Total Receipts, 1949 .....	<hr/>
	\$18,845.83

## EXPENDITURES

### Payroll

101	Librarian .....
102	Assistant or Acting Librarian .....
103	Regular Employees .....
104	Part-time Employees .....
105	Sunday Opening .....

\$10,825.72

\$11,350.00

### Building Operation Expenses

150	Payroll—Janitor .....
151	Payroll—Janitor's helpers .....
301	Fuel .....
302	Light .....
303	Water .....
304	Supplies .....
305	Removal Ashes, etc. ....
306	Miscellaneous Expenses .....

\$ 4,052.88

\$ 4,100.00

### Miscellaneous Operating Expenses

401)	Telephone, Stationery .....
402)	and postage .....
403	Desk and Office Supplies .....
404	Audit .....
407	Miscellaneous .....

\$ 549.71

\$ 600.00

351	Building Maintenance .....	117.15	
352	Grounds Maintenance .....	55.00	300.00
	<b>Books and Periodicals</b>		
201	Books)		
202	Periodicals) .....	2,974.74	3,400.00
250	<b>Book Repairs</b> .....	202.59	250.00
	<b>Equipment</b>		
500)	Furniture and		
501)	Furnishings .....	68.04	200.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$18,845.83</u>	<u>\$20,200.00</u>
	<b>Special Appropriation for</b>		
	Building Repairs and Improvements (A) ....	1,000.00	
		<u>\$21,200.00</u>	

(A) Special appropriation of \$5,000.00 requested }  
 by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a }  
 period of five years—at the rate of \$1000.00 each year }

Involves Lighting, Heating and Renovation

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946, but was granted for 1947, 1948 and 1949.

# SUMMARY

	1949		1949		1950	
	Budget Amount	%	Appropriation Amount	Expenditures Amount	Budget Amount	%
Town—Normal Basis	\$13,850.00		\$13,850.00	\$13,790.51	\$15,700.00	74.05
Town—Special Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	4.72
Town—Transfer from Trust Funds				*1,850.00		
Town—Cr. to E&D a/c				59.49		
Trustee Funds (Edwards)	\$14,850.00	76.7	\$14,850.00	\$15,700.00	\$16,700.00	73.17
Trans. to Town a/c	4,500.00	23.3	4,500.00	3,167.78	4,500.00	16.81
Trustee Funds (Mynott)				*1,850.00		9.87
				37.54		.15
	\$19,350.00	100.0	\$19,350.00	\$18,845.83	\$21,200.00	100.00

If the amount collected by the library and turned in to the Town Treasurer (\$1,353.22) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1949 (\$12,437.29) is 65.99% of the cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1950 of \$4,500 from Trust Funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 78.77% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000 if granted, and 74.05% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500 was set up as

a capital outlay for 1948—all or a part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available to adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

\*Transfer of Trust Funds to supplement Town Salary Account.

Approved by Trustees

The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

GERTRUDE W. SMITH

JOHN O. MARTIN

JACOB K. EDWARDS

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE

EDWARD P. SHEEHAN

NERIO M. PIOPPA

W. WESLEY CRAWFORD

# REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

During the past year the Recreation Committee has held 22 meetings of the full committee and 43 meetings of the sub-committees.

The Dresser Street Field was in operation from May to November 26, and a total of 374 permits were issued to 30 various groups.

Tennis Courts were in operation whenever permissible, and a total of 1540 persons were recorded as having made use of the Tennis Courts. During the early part of the summer, permits were issued for periods of one hour to each set, but due to the fact that there are only two courts, and many persons applied for permits, the time was cut to one-half hour for each set. During the course of the season, we have had numerous requests from youngsters to have someone to instruct them how to properly play tennis.

The Committee has agreed that the requests should not go unheeded and arrangements will be made to have instruction periods for the various age groups next year.

The Alumni Field was in use from May 27 to September 30, and a total of 145 permits were issued to 27 various groups; these figures do not include the use of the field by the school groups who used it during week day mornings under the supervision of Mr. Lewis Kyrios.

At times, the committee was unable to issue permits for all applicants, especially softball teams, due to the lack of playing areas, and it was necessary to call a meeting of the leaders of the various groups so that a satisfactory schedule could be worked out. The committee feels that there is a definite need of more areas to take care of this situation. The swimming pool report has been submitted by the supervisor, Mr. Edward Desroches, and we are enclosing same with this report.

During the past year receipts for the use of facilities and the concession at Dresser Field were \$730.80. A total of \$645.50 of this amount has been paid to the Town Treasurer leaving a balance of \$85.30, due for rentals.

The financial report of the Recreation Committee is as follows:

## Dresser Street Field

	Receipts	Expenses	Bal. to E & D Acct.
Salaries .....	\$3,500.00	\$3,277.00	\$223.00
Maintenance and Improvement .....	3,028.19	2,563.10	465.09
Repairs to Diamond ....	1,500.00	1,234.00	266.00
Addition to Backstop ....	1,800.00	1,595.67	204.33

## Alumni Field

Salaries and others .....	1,000.00	995.31	4.69
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## Swimming Pool

Salaries and others .....	2,800.00	2,712.14	87.86
Retaining wall, etc. ....	5,000.00	4,983.81	16.19

## Returned to E & D Account

Dresser Field Accounts .....	\$1,158.42
Swimming Pool Accounts .....	103.05
Alumni Field Account .....	4.69
Receipts from Dresser Field .....	645.50

Total ..... \$1,911.66

As a result of the experience the Recreation Committee has encountered during the two years of its existence, the committee has requested that an article be inserted in the Town Warrant asking that the Town empower it to hire a full time, paid Recreational Director. The committee feels that this will result in a savings to the townspeople and will also make for better use of the recreational facilities.

We wish to thank the various Town Departments, Town Officials, and citizens who have helped us by their co-operation and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. LEDUC, Chairman,  
JOHN E. MERRILL, Secretary,  
JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Treasurer,

FRANK SKINYON,  
JOHN LIBERA,  
WILLIAM T. SHEA,  
NORMAN STAVES,  
ROLAND LANGEVIN,  
EMIL MARTIN

RICHARD LINDI,  
ARMAND DeANGELIS,  
LORENZO BEAUPRE,  
WILFRED GAUTHIER,  
WILLARD STARK,  
HENRY RACICOT.

## **REPORT OF SWIMMING SUPERVISOR**

Mr. Arthur Leduc, Chairman,  
Recreation Committee.  
Dear Sir:

At your request, I am submitting the annual report of the swimming pool supervisor for 1949.

### **Attendance**

From June 25 to September 3, a total of 19,600 persons used the pool's facilities; 2,400 June, 10,060 July, 6,834 August, 306 September. Average daily attendance—280. This figure, the largest recorded since the pool's creation, clearly indicates an increased awareness of its facilities and advantages.

### **Rescues**

The importance of competent and responsible supervision was demonstrated many times during the swimming season. Eight children suffering from cramps, exhaustion and other physical or psychological factors such as fear and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards. This is conclusive evidence of the definite necessity for qualified and efficient lifeguards on duty at all times.

### **Instruction**

An organized program of instruction sponsored by the local Red Cross Chapter was in effect for the greatest part of the swimming season. Regular classes for beginners, intermediates, swimmers, junior and senior lifesavers met with a certified Red Cross instructor while a regular lifeguard of the staff was on duty. Proper awards of Red Cross badges and certificates were made to those who satisfied certain established criteria of proficiency in their respective areas. Such formal programs coupled with the informal instruction given by Miss Fitzgerald and the rest of the staff will do much to stimulate the development of strong and skillful swimmers.

### **Playground "Water Day"**

July 27, the summer playgrounds' annual "Water Day" was held at the pool. Swimming and diving contests were held in the morning to permit bathers to use the pool during regular hours. The enthusiasm with which children and parents responded to this event definitely emphasizes the role of the swimming pool in satisfying a very important recreational need.

### **Health Care**

The methods of control over the bacteria growth to provide safe water for bathers were the same as those employed in previous years. The upper reservoir, with a capacity of 6,500,000 gallons, was used to provide a continuous flow of water into the

pool; while systematic chlorination provided a second safeguard. These two methods of control, scientifically manipulated, are effective enough to dispel any existing fear of pollution.

In concluding my report, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your committee for the fine co-operation we received from you throughout the official season. It was indeed a pleasure to work with men who manifest such untiring devotion to the betterment of the recreational facilities of our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD DESROCHES,  
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

During the past year, we quarantined 21 dogs on suspicion of rabies for the usual 14 days. Dairy farmers disposed of 17 heads of cattle for Mastitis infection, by sale or slaughter.

Dairy farmers and others imported 43 heads of cattle from the various New England states and Canada, all of which were identified as coming from tuberculin tested herds or accredited areas, and were accompanied by certificates testifying that they had been blood-tested within 30 days of shipment for Bang's disease.

In all, we made 113 visits to farms or other premises where animals were kept, and in the annual census required by the Director of Animal Disease Control, we enumerated the following number of animals within the town limits:

Cattle .....	423 heads	Sheep .....	10 heads
Horses .....	60 heads	Swine .....	15 heads
Goats .....	7 heads		

Several owners were required to clean and white-wash their stables, separate horses from cattle, and remove accumulations of manure periodically.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Animals.

## REPORT OF THE HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

The balance of our appropriation for maintaining the Honor Roll is .20, making a total of \$349.80 spent on the Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll was painted and decorated for the 30th of May as in the past years, lights were also replaced as they burned out.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all town departments and especially the Veterans' Service Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
BERNARD BEAUREGARD,  
RAYMOND BENOIT,  
RENALDO GUERTIN,  
EDMUND RYAN  
DORIS LOISELLE,  
GEORGE WATSON.

## REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The past year has been a very active one, what with the installation of new main sewers, repairs to valves at sewer beds, new services to the town system hitting an all-time high, numerous blockings and repairs to manhole covers, the building of a new bridge at the sewage plant, and the all important conferences with the State Dept. of Public Works and State Dept. of Health in connection with the much needed sewage plant.

The construction of Mechanic Street sewer was awarded to Frank Shields, Inc., for \$13,557.35, the appropriation being \$16,200.00.

The construction of a new bridge at the sewage disposal plant was awarded to Trahan Bros. for \$2,762.70. The appropriation was \$4,000.00.

The manhole at East Main Street, which had sunk so as to cause a hazard, was repaired and brought flush to road level.

Forty-six permits were granted to connect to the Town Sewage System.

Several major stoppages were encountered on Crane, South, Fairlawn, West, and Everett Street.

Over thirty manhole covers were packed to prevent rocking.

The major and most important business to come before the Board concerned the proposal of a new modern sewage treatment plant for the town. The State has been most insistent in their demands. The firm of Hayden, Harding and Buchanen was retained to draw up detailed construction plans for a high speed trickling filter sewage plant, such plans to be approved by the State Dept. of Health. At this writing these plans are in their final stages and all estimates and final details will be available for the annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEORGE PAGE, Chairman,  
RAYMOND BACHAND, Clerk,  
ALFRED GOUDREAU.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The Park Commissioners met and organized immediately after the Town Meeting.

They appointed Armand Gaumond as caretaker of the Memorial plots.

Following is the financial statement of our department:

RECEIPTS .....	\$500.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Labor .....	\$240.00
Lawn Mower .....	30.38
Loam .....	9.80

Total .....	\$280.18	\$280.18
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RETURNED TO E & D ACCOUNT ....	\$219.82
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Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND LANGEVIN, Chairman,  
ARTHUR W. LEDUC, Clerk,  
WILFRED GAUTHIER.

# THIRTY-FOURTH REPORT

## OF THE

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## OF THE

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING

# DECEMBER 31, 1949

### RECEIPTS—1949

#### GENERAL REVENUE

#### Taxes:

##### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 10,952.00	
Personal .....	148,030.95	
Real Estate .....	675,982.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	68,845.50	
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	903,810.69	\$ 903,810.69

##### Previous Years:

Poll .....	12.00	
Personal .....	3,059.48	
Real Estate .....	34,399.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	1,296.54	
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	38,767.30	38,767.30

##### From State:

Income Tax .....	148,009.00	
Business—Corporation Tax .....	122,039.01	
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	270,048.01	270,048.01

#### Licenses and Permits:

##### Licenses:

Liquor .....	14,223.00
Peddlers, Hawkers & Junk .....	304.00
Sunday Store .....	141.00

Common Victualers & Innholders ..	181.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling .....	139.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk & Oleomargarine	145.50	
Auto Dealers .....	87.00	
Auctioneers .....	4.00	
Taxis and Drivers .....	112.00	
Firearms .....	70.00	
All Other .....	283.48	
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	15,689.98	15,689.98
<b>Permits:</b>		
Garage .....	32.50	
Gas and Motor Oil .....	101.00	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil .....	8.50	
All Other .....	98.00	
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	240.00	240.00
<b>Fines and Forfeits:</b>		
Court Fines .....		696.50
<b>Grants and Gifts:</b>		
<b>State—</b>		
Vocational & American Education and English Speaking Classes .....	39,901.34	
George Barden School Fund .....	260.00	
Smith-Hughes School Fund .....	4,389.58	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax .....	3,922.77	
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	48,473.69	48,473.69
County—Dog Licenses .....		1,582.98
<b>Gifts from Individuals:</b>		
Jacob Edwards Memorial Library Trustees .....		1,850.00
<b>Highway Aid:</b>		
<b>State and County:—Chapter 90</b>		
Contract #11752—County .....	3,380.55	
Contract #11335—County .....	5,446.52	
Contract #11238—County .....	1,099.93	
Contract #10656—County .....	3,036.74	
Contract #11752—State .....	6,761.10	
Contract #11335—State .....	10,893.04	
Contract #11238—State .....	1,099.93	
Contract #10656—State .....	2,869.29	
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	34,587.10	34,587.10

**Federal—Grants and Gifts:**

Aid to Dependent Children .....	7,242.01	
Old Age Assistance .....	87,489.23	
Child Welfare Service .....	2,520.00	
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	97,251.24	97,251.24
Federal Housing Projects in Lieu of Taxes .....		42.30

**All Other General Revenue:**

Tax Demands .....	98.45	
Sale of Lands—Low Value .....	425.00	
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	523.45	523.45
Total General Revenue .....		<hr/>
		\$1,413,563.24

**Commercial Revenue:****Departmental:****General Government:**

Collector—	
Advertising Costs on Taxes .....	10.00
Engineer .....	10.00
Town Hall Rental .....	520.00
Town Hall— Tel. Toll Calls .....	2.81

Total General Government .....	<hr/>	542.81	542.81
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**Protection of Persons and Property:****Police:**

Station Rental .....	\$1,275.00	
Sale of Auto and Truck .....	330.00	
Sale of Revolvers .....	138.00	
Telephone Toll Calls .....	10.65	
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	1,753.65	1,753.65

**Fire:**

Sale of Old Materials .....	27.90	
Station Rental .....	100.00	
All Other .....	10.30	
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	138.20	138.20

**Sealer of Weights and Measures:**

Sealing Fees of 1948 .....	171.91	
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Services of Dog Officer .....	510.00	
Ambulance Fees .....	1,609.00	
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Total Protection of Persons and Property .....	4,182.76	4,182.76
Health and Sanitation:		
Tuberculosis .....	1,858.15	
All Other .....	25.05	
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Total Health and Sanitation .....	1,883.20	1,883.20

#### Highways:

Rental of Equipment .....	139.03	
Sale of Auto .....	250.00	
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Total Highways .....	389.03	389.03

#### Public Welfare and Veterans Benefits

##### Benefits:

From Cities & Towns .....	3,174.86	
From State .....	7,129.70	
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	10,304.56	10,304.56

##### Aid to Dependent Children:

Reimbursements—From State .....	7,896.97	
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##### Old Age Assistance:

Reimbursements—		
From State .....	62,269.06	
From Cities & Towns .....	3,375.75	
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	65,644.81	65,644.81

##### Infirmery:

Reimbursements .....	1,114.70	
Sale of Truck .....	126.51	
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	1,241.21	1,241.21

##### Child Welfare Services:

Reimbursements—		
From Cities and Towns .....	780.00	

##### Veterans Benefits:

Reimbursements—From State .....	11,834.51	
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	97,702.06	97,702.06

## Schools and Libraries:

### Schools:

Tuition—Cole Trade, High, Elem.	
Schools & Vet. Vocation .....	27,354.78
Tuition & Trans. of State Wards ....	1,534.36
Sale of Books & Supplies .....	578.81
Sale of Auto & Chair Seat Machine	808.00
All Other .....	4.26
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	30,280.21

### Libraries:

Fines and Sales .....	1,353.22
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Total Schools and Libraries .....	<hr/>	31,633.43	31,633.43
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### Parks:

Dresser St. Field—Rental .....	645.50	
Dresser St. Field—Tel. Toll .....	.10	
Alumni Field, Sale of Grandstand .....	103.00	
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Total Recreation .....	748.60	748.60

### Unclassified:

Airport Rental .....	500.00	
Damage Settlements .....	98.26	
Dresser Field Windstorm Dam. Ins. ....	186.18	
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Total Unclassified .....	784.44	784.44

Total Departmental Revenue		<hr/>	137,867.33
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## Special Assessments:

### Sewers:

Sewers Added to Taxes .....	3,681.02
Unapportioned Sewers .....	2,223.08

Total Assessments Revenue .....	<hr/>	5,904.10	5,904.10
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## Cemeteries:

### Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	1,855.00
Graves Opened .....	1,142.00
Foundations Installed .....	37.00
Sale of Materials .....	8.55

Total Cemetery Revenue .....	<hr/>	3,042.55	3,042.55
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### Interest:

#### General:

On Deferred Taxes ..... 1,007.95

#### Special Assessments:

Sewers—Committed ..... 277.85

Sewers—Additional ..... 57.84

335.69 335.69

On Motor Vehicle Excise ..... 3.72

#### On Trust & Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy  
School Children) ..... 62.50

Mary Mynott (Library) .. 20.00

Hannah Edwards (Cem.) 105.00

Adah Stedman (Cemetery) 2.08

Mabel Murphy (Cemetery) 6.67

Cemetery (Perpetual Care  
and General Care) ..... 1,813.73

2,009.98 2,009.98

Total Interest Revenue ..... 3,357.34

### Municipal Indebtedness:

#### Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue ..... 350,000.00 350,000.00

### Agency, Trust & Investments:

#### Agency:

Dog Lic. Fees—County 1,894.60

Fed. Tax, Empl. Wages 49,395.13

Blue Cross ..... 3,668.61

54,958.34 54,958.34

#### Trust and Investment:

Cem. Perpetual Care .... 1,716.17

Post War Rehabilitation 3,375.00

Adah Stedman (Cem.) .. 1,000.00

Mabel Murphy (Cem.) 2,000.00

Deposits—Sewer Const'n.

Cont. Bids ..... 1,600.00

9,691.17 9,691.17

Total Agency, Trust and Investments ..... 64,649.51

## Refunds and Transfers:

### General Departments:

Forest Fire .....	6.50
Town Dump .....	200.00
Highways .....	1.00
Public Welfare .....	44.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	11.90
Old Age Assistance .....	599.40
Old Age Assistance—	
Federal Grant .....	706.25
Veterans' Benefits .....	137.00
Teachers Retirement .....	4.81
Dresser Field—Tel. ....	2.12
Insurance Account ....	444.23

Total Refunds .....	2,157.26	2,157.26
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Total Refunds & Transfers .....		2,157.26
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Total Revenue .....		1,980,540.33
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Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1949 .....		293,997.35
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		2,274,537.68
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## EXPENDITURES—1949

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### Moderator:

Salary .....	60.00	60.00
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#### Finance Committee:

Office Supplies .....	6.23	
Association Dues .....	10.00	
Stenographic Services .....	10.00	26.23
		26.23

#### Selectmen:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Chairman .....	550.00	
2 Members .....	899.96	
Clerical Assistance .....	2,280.04	3,730.00

**Other Expenses:**

Office Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....	80.79		
Printing & Advertising .....	274.05		
Travel, Mileage, Meals, Etc. ....	59.10		
Telephone .....	114.52		
Office Equipment & Maintenance .....	116.00		
Purchase of Flag .....	48.00		
Use of Amplifier—Spec. Town Meeting .....	20.00		
Association Dues .....	66.00	778.46	4,508.46

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**Accountant:****Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant .....	3,000.00		
Clerk .....	1,470.00		
Extra Cler. Ass't. ....	89.46	4,559.46	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery & Postage .....	122.88		
Binding & Printing ....	43.12		
Telephone .....	45.72		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	39.22		
Association Dues .....	23.00		
Travel Expenses .....	45.30		
Tr. Exp.—Out of State .....	188.77	508.01	5,067.47

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**Treasurer:****Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer .....	2,400.00		
Clerk .....	1,820.00		
Clerical Assistance ..	199.20	4,419.20	

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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	316.22		
Printing & Advertising .....	153.78		

Equipment and Maintenance .....	77.00		
New Office Equipment	71.54		
Telephone .....	87.24		
Surety Bonds & Insur.	374.13		
Tax Title Foreclosure	559.95		
Certification of Notes and Coupon Expen.	77.80		
Travel .....	51.71	1,769.37	6,188.57
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#### **Tax Collector:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Collector .....	3,000.00		
Clerk .....	1,560.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	149.87	4,709.87	
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#### **Other Expenses:**

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage .....	782.74		
Printing & Advertising	423.71		
Telephone .....	73.18		
Surety Bonds & Insur.	319.20		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	27.43		
Deputy Collectors' Fees	25.00		
Tax Taking and Recording Expenses .....	70.50		
Assoc. Dues & Travel	35.24		
Coll. Local Travel .....	50.00	1,807.00	6,516.87
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#### **Assessors:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Assessors, 2 Members	1,100.00		
Clerk of Board .....	3,000.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	1,560.00	5,660.00	
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#### **Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery and Postage .....	185.19		
Printing, Advertising and Binding .....	73.21		
Auto Hire & Travel ....	285.01		
Association Dues .....	6.00		

Telephone .....	65.18		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	63.12		
Registry of Deeds—			
Abstracts .....	518.92	1,196.63	6,856.63

#### Law:

##### Salaries and Wages:

Town Counsel .....	1,200.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	21.00	1,221.00	

##### Other Expenses:

Transcribing and Recording Fees .....	44.55		
Witness Fees .....	9.50		
Travel Expenses .....	39.80		
Court Petition Entrance Fee .....	10.00		
Office Supplies .....	33.24		
Association Dues .....	10.00		
Telephone .....	34.20		
Printing & Advertising .....	184.00		
Legal Services—Title Examination .....	90.00		
Serv. of Deputy Sheriff—			
Summons of Witnesses .....	25.00	480.29	1,701.29

#### Town Clerk:

##### Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk .....	1,760.00		
Clerk .....	660.00	2,420.00	

##### Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage .....	189.93		
Printing & Advertising .....	202.89		
Telephone .....	123.21		
Surety Bonds & Insur. .....	58.75		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	23.68		
Association Dues .....	15.00	613.46	3,033.46

**Election and Registration:****Salaries and Wages:**

3 Registrars .....	300.00	
Clerk of Board .....	150.00	
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers .....	751.50	
Clerical Assistance .....	1,111.97	2,313.47
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**Other Expenses—Election:**

Stationery, Postage and Supplies .....	27.40	
Printing & Advertising .....	943.31	
Meals .....	266.40	1,237.11
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**Other Expenses—Re-listing:****Salaries and Wages:**

Office Clerical .....	1,122.87	
Ass't. Registrars .....	618.55	1,741.42
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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	9.75		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	8.00		
Taxi Fares .....	6.67	24.42	5,316.42
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**Engineering:****Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer .....	5,200.00	
Assistant Engineer (See Mechanic St. Sewer for further earnings) .....	3,041.25	
Clerks .....	1,532.15	
Helpers (See Mechanic St. Sewer for further earnings) .....	3,024.10	12,797.50
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**Office Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery and Postage .....	336.68	
Telephone .....	150.43	487.11
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**Field Expense:**

Materials & Supplies ..	182.27		
Mileage & Travel .....	711.19		
New Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	7.62	901.08	14,185.69

**Town Hall:****Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor .....	2,728.00		
Helpers .....	126.00	2,854.00	

**Other Expenses:**

Fuel .....	2,181.08		
Lights .....	662.94		
Janitors Supplies .....	382.79		
Repairs .....	2,058.31		
Telephone .....	37.46		
New Equipment .....	353.53		
Water .....	86.46		
All Other .....	22.00	5,784.57	8,638.57

**Planning Board:****Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery and			
Postage .....	13.54		
Printing .....	18.21		
Zoning Maps .....	499.00		
Dues .....	20.00		
Travel .....	81.10	631.85	631.85

**By-Laws Committee:****Expenses:**

Clerical Assistance ....		13.50	13.50

**Retirement Board:**

Administration .....		1,000.00	1,000.00

Total General Government			63,745.01
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# PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## Police Dept.:

### Salaries and Wages:

Chief .....	4,179.84	
Patrolmen .....	54,284.79	
Special Police .....	5,064.40	
Caretaker of Station ....	2,046.00	
Labor— Painting		
Street Lines .....	406.40	65,981.43

### Equipment and Maintenance:

1—1949 Hudson Sedan	1,982.25	
Motor Equipment .....	1,267.14	
Gas, Oil, Etc. ....	1,025.18	
Equipment for Men ....	203.13	
Radio Equipment		
and Maintenance .....	302.73	
Additional Equipment ..	45.54	4,825.97

### Fuel and Lights:

Fuel .....	644.47	
Lights .....	305.38	949.85

### Maintenance of Building and Grounds:

1 Oil Burner Unit .....	1,559.00	
Repairs .....	804.95	
Janitors Supplies .....	316.38	
Water Service .....	44.31	
Rubbish Removal and		
All Other .....	21.85	2,746.49

### Officers & Prisoners Expenses:

Officers Travel .....	40.87	
Matrons and Guards ....	4.80	
Feeding & Med. Care ....	369.00	
Misc. Supplies .....	9.46	424.13

### Traffic Control:

Labor (See Sal. & Wages)		
Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.	587.28	587.28

## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	153.93		
Tel. & Police Signals ....	1,834.32		
Office Equip. & Main. ..	123.50		
Association Dues and Travel .....	10.00		
Misc. & All Other .....	4.09	2,125.84	77,640.99
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## Fire Dept:

### Salaries and Wages:

Chief .....	3,909.88		
Asst. Chief, Capt. and Lieut. ....	10,646.32		
Permanent Firemen .....	47,103.81		
Call Firemen .....	5,055.00		
Supt. of Alarm .....	350.00		
Asst. Clerk, Fire Dept. ....	100.00		
Other Employees—Pumping Water .....	192.00	67,357.01	
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### Equipment, New & Additional:

Equipment for Men .....	126.51		
Acces. & Supplies .....	569.45		
Air Masks and Smoke Ejector .....	1,393.56		
Shop Equipment .....	22.09		
Hose Equip. & Supplies .....	390.20	2,501.81	
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### Equipment Maintenance and Repairs:

Radio Equipment and Maintenance .....	141.04		
Apparatus Repairs .....	3.23		
Gas and Oil .....	87.98		
Alarm Boxes, etc. ....	1,250.38		
Miscellaneous .....	.95	1,483.58	
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### Hydrant Service:

Hydrant Service .....	16,486.25	16,486.25	
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**Fuel, Light and Water:**

Fuel .....	1,074.67	
Light .....	357.26	
Water .....	79.46	1,511.39
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**Maintenance of Buildings  
and Grounds:**

Repairs .....	176.76	
Furniture and Furnishings .....	290.97	
Laundry .....	103.39	
Janitors Supplies and All Other .....	269.82	840.94
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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	229.16		
Telephone .....	284.17		
Office Equip. & Maint.	159.00		
Travel Expenses .....	147.87		
Trav. Exp.—Out of State	41.05		
Food for Men .....	127.40		
Association Dues .....	9.00		
Miscellaneous .....	14.97		
Posters on Fire Prevention .....	226.00	1,238.62	91,419.60
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**Forest Fire:****Salaries and Wages:**

Warden .....	200.00	
Fighting Fires .....	107.50	307.50
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**Other Expenses:**

Gasoline and Oil .....	44.55		
Hose .....	25.04		
Apparatus Maintenance and Accessories .....	87.23		
Materials & Suppl. ....	190.61	347.43	654.93
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**Ambulance:**

Repairs & Maintenance of Ambulance .....	293.93		
Gasoline and Oil .....	239.13		
Ambulance Equipment and Maintenance .....	102.86		
Drivers Expenses .....	37.00	672.92	672.92
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**Sealer of Weights  
and Measures:****Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer .....	1,300.00		
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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	21.56		
Printing & Binding .....	39.35		
Advertising .....	2.50		
Travel .....	300.00		
Equip. & Maint. ....	29.74	393.15	1,693.15
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**Dog Officer:****Expenses:**

Board & Care of Dogs ..	349.40		
Killing & Burning .....	150.00	499.40	499.40
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**Street Lighting:**

Street Lights .....	15,745.85		
Traffic Lights— Central, Hamilton and East Main Streets .....	14.88	15,760.73	15,760.73
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**Animal Inspection:****Salaries and Wages:**

Salary .....	125.00		
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**Other Expenses:**

Mileage & Travel .....		73.95	198.95
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**Building Inspector:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Salary .....		400.00	
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## Other Expenses:

Dues .....	5.00		
Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	29.50		
Travel .....	63.50	98.00	498.00

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**Wire Inspector:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Salary .....		300.00	
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## Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	39.07		
Travel Allowance .....	60.00	99.07	399.07

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**Planting & Trimming Trees:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden .....	258.00		
Labor .....	172.45		
Other Labor— Removing Trees ....	50.00	480.45	

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## Other Expenses:

Hardware & Tools .....	132.27		
Truck Rental .....	174.00		
Printing, Stationery and Postage .....	13.25	319.52	799.97

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**Moth Extermination:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent .....	157.00		
Labor .....	68.60	225.60	

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## Other Expenses:

Truck Rental .....	174.00		
Postage .....	.40	174.40	400.00

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**Total Protection of Persons**

and Property

190,637.71

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### Health:

#### General Administration:

##### Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health .....	320.82	
Board Physician .....	330.00	
School Physician .....	769.92	
Agent .....	412.47	
Nurse .....	2,229.06	
Sanitary Inspector .....	350.19	
Plumbing Inspector .....	2,293.02	
Food and Provi-		
sions Inspector .....	120.69	
Milk Inspector .....	146.22	
Slaughtering Inspector	384.96	
Dentist—Dental Clinic	710.00	
Podiatrist .....	250.00	
Clerical Assistance .....	140.50	8,457.85

##### Other Administrative Exp.:

Stationery, Supplies		
and Postage .....	196.28	
Printing and		
Advertising .....	97.00	
Telephone .....	94.07	
Office Equipment		
and Maintenance .....	17.50	
Travel—Agent .....	3.50	408.35

##### Quarantine, Contagious Dis- eases & Tuberculosis:

Medical Attendance .....	69.00	
Drugs & Medical		
Supplies .....	29.39	
Dry Goods & Clothing	3.95	
Groceries & Provisions	7.74	
Hospitals— Rutland		
Training Center .....	591.45	
North Reading		
State Sanatorium .....	526.00	
Laundry .....	18.17	
Worc. Cty. Sanatorium	2,463.00	3,708.70

##### Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns .....	127.50	
Death Returns .....	42.25	169.75

**Inspectors' Expenses:****Plumbing Inspector:**

Association Dues .....	2.00	
Travel .....	204.50	206.50

**Food & Provisions Inspector:**

Travel .....		24.60
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**Milk Inspector:**

Advertising—Office Hrs. ..	3.00	
Association Dues .....	2.00	
Materials & Supplies ....	63.89	
Travel .....	177.95	246.84

**Nurse:**

Travel .....	122.60	
Supplies & Expenses ....	8.28	130.88

**Slaughtering Inspector:**

Travel .....		93.35
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Dental Clinic Supplies ...		45.40
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**Other Expenses:**

Association Dues .....	18.00	
Travel .....	8.35	26.35

Garbage Contract .....		7,658.64
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Total Health .....		21,177.21
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**Sewer:****General Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners .....	450.00	
Caretaker .....	2,475.00	2,925.00

**Administration Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	7.50	
Telephone .....	103.66	111.16

**General Expenses:**

Labor .....	27.61	
Pipe, Fittings and Supplies .....	59.10	

Manholes Repaired .....	32.05		
Repairs to Sewer Lines .....	81.40		
Towing Tractor .....	10.00	210.16	
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Buildings and Grounds:			
Fuel and Lights .....		11.00	
Truck ,Tractor Maintenance:			
Gasoline and Oil .....	176.96		
Repairs .....	210.24	387.20	6,109.13
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Sewer Plant Investigations			
Costs:			
Advertising .....	15.50		
Consulting Engineers ..	2,449.11	2,464.61	2,464.61
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Total Health and Sanitation			27,286.34

## HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

### General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners .....	600.00		
Superintendent .....	3,000.00	3,600.00	
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### Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage .....	120.83		
Telephone .....	201.15		
Dues .....	3.00		
Travel .....	6.00	330.98	
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### Equipment—

#### General Maintenance:

Labor and Timekeeper			
Clerk .....	34,895.02		
Equipment Rental .....	772.00		
General Equipment			
and Repairs .....	287.80		
Crushed Stone,			
Gravel, Etc. ....	7,992.25		
Tarvia, Road Oil, Etc. ..	10,497.67		

Other Materials and Supplies .....	880.21		
First Aid Supplies .....	11.22		
All Other .....	11.00	55,347.17	
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New Road Machinery:			
Austin Western Power Grader .....	12,575.00		
1949 International Dump Truck .....	5,169.30		
1949 Chevrolet Subur- ban Carry-All .....	1,583.35		
Anderson Heavy-Duty Tripping Blade Snow Plow .....	590.00		
Advertising .....	10.00	19,927.65	
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Road Mach. Maintenance:			
Repairs & Maintenance .....	5,068.56		
Gas, Oil, Etc. ....	2,282.46		
Insurance Registration and All Other .....	107.02	7,458.04	
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Buildings and Grounds :			
Maintenace and Repairs .....	44.29		
Fuel, Lights and Water .....	535.17	579.46	
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Town Dump and Rubbish Collection:			
Labor—Town Dump ....	1,820.00		
Rental of Town Dump ..	293.75		
Rubbish Collection— Labor—Contract .....	2,706.93	4,820.68	
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Snow and Ice:			
Labor and Timekeeper Clerk .....	4,422.19		
Truck, Shovel and Bulldozer Rental .....	499.95		
Gasoline and Oil .....	457.53		
Cal. Chloride, Salt and Sand .....	732.20		
Food and Meals .....	157.55		
Country Roads .....	230.50	6,499.92	98,563.90
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## Chapter 90 Maintenance

### State and County Aid—

#### 1949 Contract:

##### Woodstock Road:

Labor .....	460.15	
Materials and Supplies	160.08	620.23

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##### Old Woodstock Road:

Labor .....		38.40
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##### River Road:

Labor .....		38.40
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##### Dudley Road and

##### East Main Street:

Labor .....	300.75	
Materials and Supplies	1,084.59	1,385.34

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##### Dresser Hill Road:

Labor .....		228.31
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##### Eastford Road:

Labor .....		17.34
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##### Worcester Street:

Labor .....	511.66	
Materials and Supplies	458.09	969.75

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##### Total Highways, Dump,

Rubbish, Snow & Ice,  
and 1949 Chap. 90

Maintenance .....		101,861.67
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## CHARITIES AND

## VETERANS BENEFITS

### Public Welfare:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Board .....	1,200.00	
Supervisor .....	700.00	
Social Worker .....	141.90	
Clerk .....	166.14	2,208.04

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**General Administration:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	136.17	
Telephone .....	201.61	
Mileage and Travel .....	87.41	
Miscellaneous .....	6.00	431.19

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**General Relief:**

Groceries & Provisions	10,610.65	
Fuel and Lights .....	1,270.08	
Medicine and Medical Attendance .....	3,139.19	
Hospital Care .....	1,226.02	
Rent .....	1,666.95	
Clothing .....	746.22	
Cash Grants .....	6,988.73	
Board & Care (Local) ....	2,098.36	
Private Institutions .....	318.20	
State Institutions .....	1,877.17	
Household Furniture and Moving .....	30.00	
Miscellaneous .....	46.17	30,017.74

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**Relief by Other Cities  
and Towns:**

Cities .....	1,336.70	
Towns .....	3,133.20	4,469.90

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**Truck Expenses:**

Gas and Oil .....	45.03		
Repairs and Maintenance	.50	45.53	37,172.40

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**Aid to Dependent Children:****Town Appropriation—  
Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor .....	230.00	
Clerk .....	33.46	
Social Worker .....	425.70	689.16

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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	39.13
Telephone .....	16.37

Dues of Social Worker ..	3.00	58.50	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....		20,153.40	20,901.06
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<b>Aid to Dependent Children:</b>			
Federal Grants—Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor .....		38.85	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage .....	67.74		
Travel .....	3.00		
Telephone .....	23.00	93.74	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....		8,669.47	8,802.06
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<b>Old Age Assistance:</b>			
Federal Grants—Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor—(See Town			
Approp. Section.)			
Social Worker .....	1,655.50		
Clerk .....	234.22	1,889.72	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage .....	284.72		
Travel .....	29.51		
Office Equipment			
and Maintenance .....	15.48	329.71	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....	76,997.71		
Cities and Towns .....	604.19	77,601.90	79,821.33
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<b>Old Age Assistance:</b>			
Town Appropriation—			
Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor .....	2,211.15		

Social Worker .....	236.90		
Clerk .....	1,306.18	3,754.23	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	320.71		
Travel Allowance .....	315.35		
Office Equipment and Maintenance .....	16.00	652.06	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....	98,719.29		
Cities and Towns .....	1,441.25	100,160.54	104,566.83
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<b>Child Welfare Services:</b>			
General Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor .....	3,120.00		
Clerk .....	1,740.00	4,860.00	
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Office Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	44.79		
Telephone .....	113.49		
Equipment & Maint. ....	8.00	166.28	
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Field Expenses:			
Mileage and Travel .....		493.69	5,519.97
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<b>Infirmmary:</b>			
Salaries and Wages			
Superintendent .....		1,900.00	
Other Expenses:			
Groceries & Provisions	3,737.92		
Clothing and House- hold Furnishings .....	350.29		
Buildings & Maint. ....	617.22		
Fuel, Light, Water .....	890.24		
Hospital, Medical Care and Supplies .....	738.56		
1949 Chevrolet 1½-Ton Truck .....	1,471.00		

Gasoline, Oil & Repairs	204.15		
Burial Charges .....	385.00		
Telephone .....	70.49		
All Other .....	86.05	8,550.92	10,450.92

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### **Veterans Benefits:**

#### **General Administration:**

##### **Salaries and Wages:**

Salary .....	1,124.88		
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#### **Other Expenses:**

##### **Stationery, Supplies**

and Postage .....	126.07		
Travel and Mileage .....	123.83		
Telephone .....	91.22	341.12	

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#### **Relief Expenses:**

Fuel and Light .....	288.73		
Groceries & Provisions	1,320.37		
Cash Grants and Rent ..	12,835.00		
Dental Service .....	29.00		
Clothing .....	60.06		
Hospital Care .....	978.10		
Medicine and Medical			
Attendance .....	1,017.18	16,528.44	

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### **Veterans Burials:**

Veterans Organizations	55.00	18,049.44	
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### **Veterans Services:**

#### **Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor .....	1,875.00		
Clerk .....	1,560.00	3,435.00	

#### **Other Expenses:**

##### **Stationery, Supplies**

and Postage .....	151.53		
Mileage and Travel .....	102.99		
Telephone .....	154.75		
Dues .....	2.00		
Cities and Towns .....	25.00		
New Equipment .....	63.12	499.39	3,934.39

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**Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:**

Maintenance .....	387.00		
Materials and Supplies .....	16.24		
Flag Pole .....	21.80	425.04	425.04

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Total Charities and

Veterans Benefits ..... 289,643.44

**SCHOOLS****General Control:**

Salaries and Wages:

150 Superintendent .....	6,834.55		
156 Supt.'s Clerk .....	2,987.16		
157 Extra Clerical .....	159.00		
401 Attendance Officer .....	330.73		
103 School Census .....	296.10		
119 Bldg. Maint. Officer .....	500.00	11,107.54	

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Other Expenses:

160 Supplies .....	222.99		
180 Printing .....	191.30		
181 Travel .....	441.60		
182 Telephone .....	121.74		
182-a Books, Periodicals and Postage .....	271.26		
182-b Equipment and Maintenance .....	75.78	1,324.67	12,432.21

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**High School:**

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal .....	5,094.00		
225 Principal's Clerk ..	1,969.27		
226 Extra Clerical .....	1.00		
240 Teachers .....	67,758.46		
245 Sub. Teachers .....	1,092.00	75,914.73	

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Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision Travel .....	145.05		
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage .....	165.56		

<b>250 Text and Reference</b>			
Books 5 .....	1,294.55		
270 Supplies .....	4,566.81		
<b>290 Commencement</b>			
Expense .....	233.02		
<b>660 Instructional</b>			
Apparatus .....	530.70	6,935.69	
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<b>Operation of Plant:</b>			
<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>			
501 Janitors Salaries .....	5,927.11	5,927.11	
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<b>Other Expenses:</b>			
510 Janitors Supplies ..	1,514.26		
520 Fuel .....	2,280.84		
530 Water .....	183.05		
540 Gas & Electricity ..	1,342.30		
565 Telephone .....	148.22		
580 Drayage .....	64.00	5,532.67	
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<b>Maintenance of Plant:</b>			
601 Grounds .....	43.50		
620 Buildings .....	196.16		
640 Service Systems ....	290.62		
680 Other Expenses .....	188.11	718.39	
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<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
965 New Furnishings ..	64.46		
975 New Equipment ....	44.97		
985 Other Expenses .....	79.47		
985-a Draw Sash—Paint- ing, etc. ....	1,109.75	1,298.65	96,327.24
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<b>Elementary Schools:</b>			
<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>			
<b>Instruction Salaries:</b>			
210-a Writing Service ..	504.00		
240 Teachers .....	142,044.09		
245 Sub. Teachers .....	2,122.00	144,670.09	
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<b>Instruction Expenses:</b>			
210 Supervision Travel	227.39		
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage .....	27.90		
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250 Text and Reference			
Books .....	1,586.54		
270 Supplies .....	3,929.89		
660 Instruction Apparatus and Equipment ....	176.93	5,948.65	
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors Salaries ....	13,432.21	13,432.21	
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Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors Supplies ..	1,567.56		
520 Fuel .....	5,604.09		
530 Water .....	236.38		
540 Gas & Electricity ..	2,078.29		
565 Telephone .....	404.43		
580 Drayage .....	316.60	10,207.35	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds .....	331.00		
602 Buildings .....	836.69		
640 Service Systems ....	527.96		
680 Other Expenses .....	296.39	1,992.04	
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Buildings Alterations and Additions .....	226.83		
965 New Furnishings ..	16.54		
975 New Equipment ....	13.90		
985 Other Expenses .....	262.36		
985-b Draw Sash—Painting, etc. ....	4,506.00	5,025.63	181,275.97
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Elementary Evening Schools:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240 Teachers Salaries ..	1,253.00	1,253.00	
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Instruction Expense:			
210 Supervision Travel	28.70	28.70	
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Operation of Plant:			
520 Fuel .....	100.00		
540 Gas & Electricity ....	50.00	150.00	1,431.70
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**High School Evening:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers .....	575.78	575.78
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**Instruction Expenses:**

270 Supplies .....	62.80	62.80
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**Operation of Plant:**

501 Janitor's Salary .....	358.00	
520 Fuel .....	116.10	
540 Gas & Electricity ..	100.00	574.10

**Capital Outlay:**

975 New Equipment ....	7.20	1,219.88
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**Industrial Arts:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers .....	3,233.36
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**Other Expenses:**

270 Supplies .....	182.16	
660 Instructional Ap- paratus .....	7.86	
965 New Furnishings ..	7.50	
975 New Equipment ....	18.55	216.07

**Domestic Science:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers' Salaries ..	1,425.34
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**Other Expenses:**

270 Supplies .....	145.21	1,570.55
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**Household Arts:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers' Salaries	4,648.84
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**Other Expenses:**

210 Supervision Travel	21.62	
270 Supplies .....	347.05	
660 Instruction Ap- paratus .....	21.08	
965 New Furnishings ..	1.30	
975 New Equipment ....	54.26	
985 Other Expenses .....	1.50	446.81

**Auxiliary Agencies:**

## Pupils:

313 Transportation of Pupils .....	15,284.89	
360 Tuition to Other Schools .....	763.64	16,048.53
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## Medical Services:

## Salaries and Wages:

402 Physician .....	1,988.49	
404 Nurse .....	2,672.41	4,660.90
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## Other Expenses:

405 Medical Supplies and Expenses .....	347.05	347.05	21,056.48
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**Visual Aids:**

## Salaries and Wages:

240 Teachers' Salaries		799.93	
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## Other Expenses:

270 Supplies .....	85.99		
660 Instructional Apparatus .....	6.00		
975 New Equipment .....	361.00	452.99	1,252.92
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**Cole Trade School:**

## General Control:

## Salaries and Wages:

220 Director .....	4,219.23	
225 Director's Clerk .....	2,269.27	
226 Assistant Clerk .....	1,808.54	8,297.04
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## Other Expenses:

210 Director's Travel ....	92.52	
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage .....	158.14	
565 Telephone .....	234.97	
290 Commencement Expense .....	95.69	581.32
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<b>Instruction Salaries:</b>			
240 Teachers .....	49,804.05		
245 Substitute Teachers .....	210.00	50,014.05	
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<b>Instruction Expenses:</b>			
250 Text and Reference			
Books .....	214.29		
270 Supplies .....	2,940.32		
660 Instructional Apparatus .....	2,205.83	5,360.44	
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<b>Operation of Plant:</b>			
<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>			
501 Janitors .....	2,410.87	2,410.87	
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<b>Other Expenses:</b>			
510 Janitors Supplies ..	221.18		
520 Fuel .....	1,081.02		
530 Water .....	77.31		
540 Gas & Electricity ..	489.73		
580 Drayage .....	99.35	1,968.59	
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<b>Maintenance of Plant:</b>			
601 Grounds .....	12.37		
620 Buildings .....	116.34		
640 Service Systems ....	407.51		
680 Other Expenses .....	54.75	590.97	
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<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
965 New Furnishings ....	218.25		
975 New Equipment ....	269.19		
985 Other Expenses .....	41.69	529.13	69,752.41
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<b>Cole Trade School</b>			
<b>Evening Extension:</b>			
<b>Instruction Salaries:</b>			
<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>			
225 Clerk .....	90.00		
240 Teachers .....	1,511.69	1,601.69	
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<b>Instruction Expenses:</b>			
270 Supplies .....	201.85		
250 Books .....	5.94	207.79	
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<b>Operation of Plant:</b>			
501 Janitor's Salary ....	85.00	85.00	
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Other Expenses:			
540 Gas & Electricity ..	72.44	72.44	1,966.92

#### Contingency Fund:

Other Expenses:			
182 Telephone .....	13.00		
182-a Postage and Stationery .....	49.50		
250 Text and Reference Books .....	15.18		
270 Supplies .....	290.62		
360 Tuition to Other Towns .....	120.29		
405 Medical Supplies ....	7.80		
510 Janitors Supplies ..	28.23		
520 Fuel .....	110.75		
530 Water .....	185.03		
540 Gas & Electricity ..	623.95		
565 Telephone .....	87.65		
640 Service Systems ....	776.00		
660 Instructional Apparatus .....	5.82		
680 Other Expenses .....	265.10		
930 Alterations and Additions .....	724.00		
985 Other Expenses .....	196.63	3,499.55	3,499.55

#### Smith-Hughes Fund:

Salaries and Wages:			
240 Evening High School .....	37.22		
240 Household Art Classes .....	350.95		
240 Vocational Classes	3,911.10		
240 Vocational Evening Classes .....	90.31	4,389.58	4,389.58

#### George Barden Fund:

Salaries and Wages:			
240 High .....	449.00	449.00	449.00

Total Schools Expenditures from Town			
Appropriations, Smith Hughes, George Barden Funds			405,169.49

## LIBRARY

### Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

#### Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian .....	3,019.16	
103 Assistants .....	6,421.26	
150-51 Janitors .....	2,289.44	11,729.86
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#### Books and Periodicals:

201 Books .....	2,347.21	
202 Periodicals .....	457.75	2,804.96
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#### Binding:

250 Books & Periodicals ..		202.59
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#### Fuel and Lights:

301 Fuel .....	178.00	
302 Lights .....	155.52	333.52
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#### Buildings:

350 Repairs .....	58.20	
304-06 Janitors Supplies, Removal of Rubbish, etc.	105.80	164.00
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#### Other Expenses:

402-03 Stationery, Sup- plies & Postage, Print- ing & Advertising .....	330.29		
401 Telephone .....	7.25		
500 New Equipment .....	68.04	405.58	15,640.51
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#### Library Expenditures from Trust Funds:

Mary Mynott Fund (See  
Agency, Trust & Inv.)  
Other Trust Funds—  
(See Library Trustees  
Report)

Total Schools & Libraries			420,810.00
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## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

### Recreation:

#### Parks:

Labor .....	240.00	
Equipment .....	30.38	
Loam and Seed .....	9.80	
Repair Flagpole Rope ..	10.00	290.18
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#### Playgrounds:

Instructors Salaries .....	2,934.50	
Travel Expenses .....	10.00	
Equipment & Maint. ....	14.40	
Materials & Supplies ....	787.45	
Sports, Games, Sets, etc.	64.89	3,811.24
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#### World War Memorial:

Labor .....	278.50	
Materials & Supplies ....	47.76	
Equipment & Maint. ....	72.58	
Water and Lights .....	26.60	
Wreaths .....	38.50	463.94
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#### Honor Roll:

Electric Lighting .....	86.94	
Repairs .....	121.62	
Wreaths and Landscaping .....	103.24	
Insurance .....	38.00	349.80
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#### Swimming Pool Operating and Maintenance:

#### Instruction Salaries:

Lifeguards and Instructors .....	2,255.38	
Equipment & Maint. ....	157.92	
Buildings & Grounds ....	63.31	
Water & Lights .....	44.48	
Materials & Supplies ....	191.05	2,712.14
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#### Dresser St. Athletic Field:

#### Maintenance and

#### Improvement:

Labor .....	3,277.00	
Printing, Advertising, Stationery & Supplies	44.52	

Equipment & Maint. ....	1,155.38	
Materials & Supplies ....	537.85	
Truck Expense .....	12.35	
Janitors Supplies .....	168.51	
Truck Hire and Team		
Rental .....	13.50	
Telephone .....	54.68	
Travel .....	14.85	
Water and Lights .....	398.31	
Sporting Goods, Sets, etc.	163.15	5,840.10

Dresser St. Athletic Field:

Repairs to Diamond:

Digging & Excavating	492.00	
Refilling Base Path area	145.00	
Batter's Box and		
Pitcher's Mound .....	175.00	
Grading & Seeding .....	422.00	1,234.00

Dresser St. Athletic Field:

Addition to Backstop:

Materials & Supplies ....	3.67	
Labor & Materials—in-		
stalling fence per con-		
tract (Cyclone Fence		
Division) .....	1,592.00	1,595.67

Alumni Field:

Labor .....	286.75	
Signs .....	4.00	
Truck Hire .....	12.65	
Repairs & Improvement		
of Field .....	400.00	
Materials & Supplies ....	14.70	
Grading & Seeding .....	230.00	
1948 Real Estate Taxes	21.14	969.24

Public Band Concerts:

Concerts .....	484.95
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Total Recreation ..... 17,751.26

# UNCLASSIFIED

Damage to Persons and Property .....	588.70
Memorial Day Celebration .....	600.00
Armistice Day Celebration .....	300.00

## Printing Town and Finance Committee Reports:

Town Reports .....	1,300.00	
Finance Reports .....	550.80	
Advertising for bids ....	8.50	1,859.30
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Pensions (Non- Contributory) .....		7,685.07

## Insurance:

### Buildings and Contents:

Fire, Theft & Collision	11,536.09	
Automotive Equipment Liability .....	3,970.80	15,506.89
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### Indemnity Insurance:

Workmen's Compensation and Pub. Liability ....	2,300.09	
Buildings .....	385.00	
Airport .....	53.00	2,738.09
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Town Clock .....	72.92
Water and Ice .....	554.03

### Outstanding Bills of Pre- vious Years:

Town Hall .....	156.00		
Swimming Pool .....	53.75		
Highways .....	13.64		
Child Welfare .....	33.79		
Dog Officer .....	35.65		
Public Welfare .....	73.65		
Dresser St. Recreation Field .....	262.50	628.98	30,533.98
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Total Recreation and Unclassified			48,285.24
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## CEMETERY

### Oak Ridge Cemetery:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent .....	500.00	
Labor .....	4,163.63	4,663.63

#### Other Expenses:

Loam & Fertilizer, etc.	403.43	
Landscaping .....	20.70	
Flowers and Trees .....	71.29	
Markers .....	54.54	
Repairs to Cemetery		
Tool Building .....	133.89	
Equipment, Maintenance and Tools .....	369.86	
Team Hire .....	180.00	
Fuel, Light & Water .....	60.06	
Equipment Rental .....	61.00	
Gasoline and Oil .....	31.39	
Materials, Supplies and		
All Other .....	49.96	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	23.76	1,459.88

#### Cemetery Improvement Account:

New Equipment .....	309.01	
Seeding .....	499.00	
Cemetery Tool Building Renovation .....	1,173.83	1,981.84

Total Cemetery .....	8,105.35
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## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

### 1947 Chap. 90 Construction:

Eastford Rd.—Contract

#10656:

Materials & Supplies ....	404.99
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### 1948 Chap. 90 Construction:

Eastford Rd. Contract

#11335:

Materials & Supplies ..	876.50
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Testing Cement .....	1.38	
Contract—Ciesla Bros. ....	20,686.24	21,564.12

#### 1949 Chap. 90 Construction:

Mechanic St., Contract

#11752:

Advertising .....	17.45	
Contract—		
F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	13,522.18	13,539.63

#### 1949 Everett and Elm Sts.

##### Reconstruction:

Advertising .....	14.50	
Materials & Supplies ....	12.00	
Contract—Stanley Ciesla ..	11,585.28	11,611.78

#### 1949 South St. Reconstruction:

Advertising .....	14.00	
Legal Services .....	30.80	
Removing Trees .....	530.00	
Contract—		
F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	18,778.73	19,353.53

#### 1949 Charlton St. Reconstruction:

Advertising .....	13.00	
Removing Trees .....	1,280.00	
Materials & Supplies ....	16.60	
Contract—		
F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	24,056.04	25,365.64

#### 1949 Morris St. Reconstruction:

Advertising .....	13.50	
Contract—		
F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	22,795.77	22,809.27

#### West St. Resurfacing:

(From South St. south-  
erly 1.3 Miles)

Labor .....	451.78	
Truck Hire .....	668.75	
Equipment Rental .....	1,850.25	
Land Damages .....	183.40	

Removing Trees .....	478.25	
Sand, Gravel, etc. ....	316.80	
Materials & Supplies ...	981.02	
Catch Basins .....	81.30	
Gasoline and Oil .....	94.94	5,106.49

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**Dennison Road Resurfacing:**

Sand and Gravel .....	150.53	
Asphalt .....	667.67	818.20

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**Dean Brook Bridge:**

Advertising .....	13.00	
Materials .....	1,017.00	
Contract—		
Trahan Bros., Inc. ....	2,731.13	3,761.13

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**Westwood Pkwy Storm Drain:**

Advertising .....	12.00	
Contract—		
F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	4,160.40	4,172.40

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**Fairmont Avenue Drain:**

Gravel .....	68.00
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**Elm and Everett St. Corner:**

**Improving Corner:**

Shovel digging, etc. ....	269.00	
Moving Equipment, shrubs, loam, etc. ....	223.25	492.25

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**Charlton St. Drain:**

Contract—Ciesla Bros.	198.00
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**Goddard St. Land Damages:**

Land Appraisal .....	100.00
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**Elm and Everett St.**

**Land Purchase:**

Land Purchase .....	300.00
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**Oliver Street Sidewalk:**

Advertising .....	14.00	
Removing Trees .....	375.00	389.00
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**Worcester St. Sidewalk:**

Reimbursement— (F. DiGregorio) .....		661.25
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**Westwood Pkwy Sewer Purchase:**

Sewer Purchase .....		478.12
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**E. Main, Mechanic and  
Crystal Sts. Sewer:**

Advertising .....	3.50	
Consulting Engineers ..	542.43	
Contract— F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	11,182.46	11,728.39
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**Mechanic St. Sewer:**

Engineering Services (Local) .....	621.80	
(Asst. Engr. \$334.50) (Helpers \$287.30)		
Consulting Engineers ..	796.71	
Contract— F. J. Shields, Inc. ....	12,144.12	13,562.63
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**Sewage Disposal Plant:**

Advertising .....	16.50	
Materials & Supplies ....	69.50	86.00
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**Repairs to Sewer Beds:**

Advertising .....	8.00	
Contract—Girard Proulx	860.00	868.00
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**Town Hall Alterations  
and Repairs:**

Hand railing on steps ....	285.00	
Electrical Fixtures .....	308.50	593.50
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**Town Hall Vault:**

Shelves .....	108.29	
Materials & Supplies ....	15.00	123.29
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**Swimming Pool Steps and Retaining Wall:**

Advertising .....	15.00	
Concrete work, Grading and Seeding .....	418.00	
Contract—Trahan Bros. ....	4,550.81	4,983.81

**River St. School Regrading:**

Labor .....	148.50	
Materials & Supplies ....	34.47	
Equipment Rental .....	151.00	
Stone & Gravel .....	79.98	
Cleaning yard .....	18.00	431.95

**Foster St. Parking Lot:****Repairs:**

Labor .....	333.96	
Sand, Gravel, etc. ....	161.34	495.30

Total Special Appropriations	164,066.67
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**INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT****Interest:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	1,455.29	
Anticipation of Reimbursements—		
Highway Allotment ..	3.75	1,459.04

**General Loans:**

School Bonds .....	1,600.00	
County—TB Hospital		
Loan .....	120.15	
Airport .....	112.50	
Hamilton and Main		
Sts. Paving .....	180.00	
South St. Paving .....	240.00	
Worcester St. Sewer ....	280.00	2,532.65

3,991.69

**Maturing Debt:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue .....	350,000.00		
Anticipation of Reimbursements—			
Highway Allotment ..	2,500.00	352,500.00	

**General Loans:**

School Bonds .....	10,000.00		
Airport .....	15,000.00		
Hamilton and Main			
Streets Paving .....	8,000.00		
Worcester St. Sewer ....	13,000.00	46,000.00	398,500.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt			402,491.69
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**AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT****Agency:**

State Auditing Tax .....	647.48		
State Parks & Reservations Tax .....	1,785.88		
State Examination—Retirement System .....	52.37	2,485.73	

County Tax .....	37,963.37		
County TB Hospital Maintenance .....	21,148.59	59,111.96	

Beverage Licenses for State (½ bottling license) .....		10.00	
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County .....		1,905.40	
Federal Withholding Tax .....		53,927.84	
Blue Cross .....		3,660.96	

**Trust and Investment:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....		1,416.17	
Pensions & Retirement Fund .....		12,579.83	

Other Permanent Trusts:

Mary Mynott Fund (Library) .....	37.54	
Mabel Murphy (Cemetery) .....	2,000.00	
Adah Stedman (Cemetery) .....	1,000.00	3,037.54
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Investment Funds:

U. S. War Bonds— Post War Rehabilitation Interest Invested	4,218.75	
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		142,354.18
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REFUNDS

Taxes:

Poll & Real Estate .....	44.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise ..	896.79	940.89
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Highway Machinery Rental .....	2.00	
Ambulance .....	5.00	
Deposit on plans— Elm St. Sewer .....	800.00	
Deposit on plans— E. Main St. Sewer .....	800.00	
1949 Unapportioned Sewers .....	41.00	
1949 Poll Tax Demands	6.05	
Federal Tax on Em- ployees Wages .....	5.30	
Blue Cross .....	7.65	
Teachers Retirement— State .....	4.81	1,671.81
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Total Refunds and Transfers		2,612.70
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Total Payments for 1949		1,861,900.00
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Cash on hand December 31, 1949		412,637.68
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		2,274,537.68

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH E. DESROSIER,  
Town Accountant.

**TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE**  
**BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1949**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>	
<b>Cash:</b>		<b>Temporary Loans:</b>	
In Banks and Office .....		In Anticipation of	\$ 100,000.00
		Revenue 1949 .....	
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		Cemetery Perpetual	300.00
Taxes:		Care Bequests .....	
Levy of 1948 .....	\$ 5.20	<b>Trust Fund Income:</b>	
Levy of 1949 .....	38,441.82	Jesse J. Angell .....	
	<hr/>	Charity Fund .....	\$ 31.27
<b>Motor Vehicle and</b>		Ella M. Cole Fund for	
<b>Trailer Excise:</b>		Needy School Children	323.21
Levy of 1949 .....		Alexis Boyer, Jr.,	
		School Fund .....	11.29
Taxes on Estates of De-		Mary Mynott Library	
ceased Persons .....		Fund .....	8.34
		Mabel Murphy Ceme-	
<b>Special Assessments:</b>		tery Fund .....	6.67
Unapportioned		Adah Stedman Ceme-	
Sewer 1947 .....	110.20	tery Fund .....	2.08
Unapportioned			<hr/>
Sewer 1949 .....	1,768.88	George Barden Fund .....	26.00
Sewer—Added to Taxes 1949	2,056.38		

## ASSETS

Committed Interest on Sewer Added to Taxes 1949	172.16
Tax Titles	1,639.33
Tax Possessions	3,287.10
<b>Departmental:</b>	
Town Hall	105.00
Ambulance	1,572.75
Health	105.00
Highway	1,488.85
Temporary Aid	1,815.03
<b>118</b> Aid to	
Dependent Children	3,443.44
Old Age Assistance	517.42
Veterans' Benefits	3,032.58
School	935.44
Airport Rental	600.00
Athletic Field	158.42
Cemetery	435.00
<b>Aid to Highways:</b>	
State	6,338.15
County	3,718.70

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	1,855.00
Machinery Rental Fund	2,858.11
Tailings	206.34
<b>Overestimates 1949:</b>	
County Tax	2,150.61
Tuberculosis Hospital	
Assessment	6,457.21
<b>Federal Grants:</b>	
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration	708.23
Aid	279.45
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	2,127.99
Assistance	12,916.13
<b>Appropriation Balances:</b>	
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	643.30
Board of Appeals	175.25
By-Laws Revision	81.84
Town Government Survey	171.06
Police Salaries	1,210.00
Fire Salaries	5,505.00
	16,031.80

## ASSETS

### Underestimates 1949:

State Parks and Reservations Assessment .....	523.57
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Assessment .....	3.64
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### Overlay Deficit:

Levy of 1946 .....

### Revenue 1950—

Appropriations Voted in 1949 to be Raised in 1950 .....

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### Overdrawn Accounts:

Highways—Chapter 90 Construction 1947 .....	740.20
Highways—Chapter 90 Maintenance 1949 .....	2,197.77
Cemeteries .....	49.65
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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Town Dump .....	3,900.00
Sewer Plant—	
Engineering Costs .....	16,914.00
Mechanic St. Sewer .....	3,937.37
East Main, Crystal & Mechanic Sts. Sewers .....	4,299.61
Fairmont Ave. Drain .....	932.00
Meadowbrook Rd. Drain .....	1,050.15
Morris St. Drain and Resurfacing .....	12,190.73
Chapter 90 Construction—	
Mechanic Street .....	2,602.02
Charlton Street Reconstruction .....	6,634.36
Westwood Parkway Resurfacing .....	827.60
Ashland Ave. Sidewalk .....	2,500.00
Oliver St. Sidewalk .....	562.00
Foster Street Parking Lot Repairs .....	1,004.70
Goddard Court Land Damage .....	6,960.40
Cisco St. Land Damage .....	150.00
West St. Land Purchase .....	800.00
Clemence Hill Water Hole .....	200.00
Library Alterations .....	3,000.00

# ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Pensions .....	300.00	
Airport Maintenance .....	500.00	77,056.39
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Sewer Assessment Reserve .....		22,724.09
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus .....		30,360.56
<b>Overlays Reserved for Abatements:</b>		
Levy of 1948 .....	5.20	
Levy of 1949 .....	10,859.89	10,865.09
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<b>Revenue Reserved Until Collected:</b>		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....	1,691.31	
Special Tax—Estates of Deceased Persons .....	689.36	
Special Assessment Tax Title and Tax Possession .....	4,107.62	
	4,926.43	
Departmental Aid to Highways .....	14,208.93	
	10,056.85	35,680.50
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Surplus Revenue .....		194,242.47
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		\$ 501,197.03
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\$501,197.03

# DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments, Not Due .....

\$	481.97	<b>Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:</b>	\$	153.24
		Due in 1950 .....		153.22
		Due in 1951 .....		87.76
		Due in 1952 .....		87.75
		Due in 1953 .....		
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\$	481.97		\$	481.97
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## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$	133,000.00	Street Pavement Loans	\$	34,000.00
		Sewer Loan .....		21,000.00
		Eastford Road and West Street School Loan .....		42,000.00
		Northern District Elementary School Loan .....		36,000.00
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\$	133,000.00		\$	133,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

**Trust and Investment Funds,  
Cash and Securities:  
In Custody of Treasurer  
In Custody of Trustees**

<b>In Custody of Treasurer:</b>		
Jesse J. Angell		
Charity Fund	\$	1,431.29
Ella M. Cole Fund for		
Needy School Children		3,000.00
Alexis Boyer, Jr.,		
School Fund		430.07
Mary Mynott		
Library Fund		1,000.00
Mabel Murphy Ceme-		
tery Fund		2,000.00
Adah Stedman Ceme-		
tery Fund		1,000.00
Cemetery General		
Care Funds		25,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Funds*		53,468.62
Post-War Rehabilitation		
Fund		167,885.22
		<hr/> 255,215.20
<b>In Custody of Trustees:</b>		
Bradford Library Fund		4,868.92
*Includes \$500.00 cash in general treasury.		

**In Custody of Trustees:**  
Bradford Library Fund  
\*Includes \$500.00 ca  
general treasury.

\$ 260,084.12

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## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Contributory Retirement Funds, Cash and Securities	\$ 109,416.74	\$ 81,333.41
Annuity Savings Fund		3,251.82
Annuity Reserve Fund		20,747.64
Pension Fund		1,237.87
Military Service Fund		302.50
Expense Fund		2,543.50
Undistributed Income		
	<u>\$ 109,416.74</u>	<u>\$ 109,416.74</u>

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'rdrawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
<b>General Government:</b>								
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00		
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	26.23		26.23	73.77	
Selectmen—Salaries	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00		3,600.00		
Balance from 1948		130.00	130.00	130.00		130.00		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00		1,000.00	778.46		778.46	221.54	
Accountant—Salaries	4,200.00							
From Retirement Expense		360.00	4,560.00	4,559.46		4,559.46	.54	
Accountant—Expense	500.00		500.00	319.24		319.24	180.76	
Accountant—Out of								
State Travel	250.00		250.00	188.77		188.77	61.23	
Treasurer—Salaries	4,445.00		4,445.00	4,419.20		4,419.20	25.80	
Treasurer—Expense	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,769.37		1,769.37	30.63	
Tax Collector—Salaries	4,710.00		4,710.00	4,709.87		4,709.87	.13	
Tax Collector—Expense	1,642.00							
From Reserve Fund		200.00	1,842.00	1,807.00		1,807.00	35.00	
Assessors—Salaries	5,660.00		5,660.00	5,660.00		5,660.00		
Assessors—Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,196.63		1,196.63	3.37	
Town Clerk—Salaries	2,420.00		2,420.00	2,420.00		2,420.00		
Town Clerk—Expense	628.00		628.00	613.46		613.46	14.54	
Election and Registration—								
Salaries	450.00		450.00	450.00		450.00		
Expense								
Election and Registration—								
Expense	4,000.00							
From Reserve Fund		950.00	4,950.00	4,866.42		4,866.42	83.58	
Law—Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Law—Expense	300.00							
From Reserve Fund		300.00	600.00	501.29		501.29	98.71	



# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
Hydrants	16,610.00		16,610.00	16,486.25		16,486.25	123.75	
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
Forest Fire—Expense	500.00							
By Refund		6.50	506.50	454.93		454.93	51.57	
Ambulance	700.00		700.00	672.92		672.92	27.08	
Sealer Weights and Meas.— Salary	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00		
Sealer Weights and Meas.— Expense	400.00		400.00	393.15		393.15	6.85	
Tree Warden	750.00							
From Reserve Fund		50.00	800.00	799.97		799.97	.03	
Moth Extermination	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00		
Animal Insp.—Salaries	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00		
Animal Insp.—Expense	75.00		75.00	73.95		73.95	1.05	
Building Insp.—Salaries	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00		
Building Insp.—Expense	100.00		100.00	98.00		98.00	2.00	
Wire Insp.—Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Wire Insp.—Expense	100.00		100.00	99.07		99.07	.93	
Dog Officer	500.00		500.00	499.40		499.40	.60	
Street Lighting	16,000.00		16,000.00	15,760.73		15,760.73	239.27	
	190,002.83	8,126.79	198,129.62	190,637.71	108.95	190,746.66	667.96	6,715.00
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>								
Health—Salaries	9,505.00		9,505.00	8,427.60		8,427.60	1,077.40	
Health—Expense	13,550.00		13,550.00	12,759.61		12,759.61	790.39	
Sewer—Salaries	2,925.00		2,925.00	2,925.00		2,925.00		

Sewer—Expense .....	2,000.00	2,000.00	716.02	716.02	1,283.98
Sewer Plant Investigation From 1948 .....		2,500.00	2,464.61	2,464.61	35.39
Total Health and Sanitation .....	27,980.00	30,480.00	27,292.84	27,292.84	3,187.16
<b>Highways:</b>					
Highways—Salaries .....	3,600.00	3,600.00		3,600.00	
Highways—Labor .....	36,500.00	36,500.00	34,895.02		
To Road Oil .....				497.67	1,107.31
Highways—Expense .....	10,000.00				
From Everett Street .....		877.96	10,866.12	10,866.12	11.84
Highways—Road Oil .....	10,000.00				
From Highways—Labor .....		497.67	10,497.67	10,497.67	
Highways—Mach. Maint. ....	7,500.00		7,456.84		
To Town Dump .....				31.25	11.91
New Equipment .....	18,500.00				
From 1948 Balance .....		2,185.59	19,337.65		
To Purchase of Snow Plow .....				700.00	647.94
Purchase of Snow Plow .....		700.00	590.00	590.00	110.00
Chapter 90 Maint. 1949 .....	1,100.00		3,297.77	3,297.77	
Town Dump .....	1,882.50				
By Refund .....		200.00			
From Mach. Maint. ....		31.25	2,113.75	2,113.75	
Town Dump—1950 Revenue .....	3,900.00				3,900.00
Rubbish Collection .....	2,706.93		2,706.93	2,706.93	
Snow and Ice Removal .....	6,500.00		6,499.92	6,499.92	.08
	102,189.43	4,492.47	101,861.67	1,228.92	1,889.08
				103,090.59	3,900.00
					2,197.77
<b>Charities and Veterans' Benefits:</b>					
General Relief—Salaries .....	2,240.00		2,208.04	2,208.04	31.96
General Relief—Expense .....	35,000.00				
By Refund .....		15.00	34,964.36	34,964.36	50.64

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
A. D. C.—Salaries .....	700.00		700.00	689.16		689.16	10.84	
A. D. C.—Expense .....	20,200.00							
By Refund .....		11.90	20,211.90	20,211.90		20,211.90		
O. A. A.—Salaries .....	4,290.00		4,290.00	3,754.23		3,754.23	535.77	
O. A. A.—Expense .....	100,800.00							
By Refunds .....		599.40	101,399.40	100,812.60		100,812.60	586.80	
Federal Grants:								
A. D. C.—Administration:								
1948 Balance .....		335.84						
From Grants .....		504.98	840.82	132.59		132.59		708.23
A. D. C.—Aid:								
1948 Balance .....		2,211.89						
From Grants .....		6,737.03	8,948.92	8,669.47		8,669.47		279.45
O. A. A.—Administration:								
1948 Balance .....		1,152.25						
From Grants .....		3,195.18	4,347.42	2,219.43		2,219.43		2,127.99
O. A. A.—Assistance:								
1948 Balance .....		5,517.73						
From Grants .....		84,294.05						
By Refunds .....		706.25						
Child Welfare Service—Sal.	1,560.00		90,518.03	77,601.90		77,601.90		12,916.13
From State and Towns .....		3,300.00	4,860.00	4,860.00		4,860.00	.03	
Child Welfare Serv.—Exp.	660.00		660.00	659.97		659.97		
Infirmary—Salaries .....	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00		
Infirmary—Expense .....	8,300.00							
From Excess & Deficiency .....		251.00	8,551.00	8,550.92		8,550.92	.08	
Veterans' Benefits—Sal. ....	1,125.00		1,125.00	1,124.88		1,124.88	.12	

<b>Veterans' Benefits—Exp.</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>								
From Excess & Deficiency	3,500.00								
From Veterans' Burials	800.00								
By Refunds	137.00								
<b>Veterans Burials</b>	<b>900.00</b>								
To Veterans' Benefits									
Veterans' Serv.—Salaries	3,435.00								
Veterans' Serv.—Expense	500.00								
Care of Vet. Graves	450.00								
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	194,560.00	113,269.49	307,829.49	289,643.44	800.00	290,443.44	1,354.25	16,031.80	
<b>Schools and Libraries:</b>									
Schools—Salaries	375,862.31								
Schools—Expense	66,417.40								
Schools—Contingency Fund	3,500.00								
Teachers' Retirement— Refund from State		4.81	4.81	4.81		4.81			
George-Barden Fund: Balance from 1948	215.00								
From State	260.00								
Smith-Hughes Fund— From State	4,389.58								
Library—Salaries	9,900.00								
From Trustees Fund									
Library—Expense	3,950.00								
Library Alterations and Improvements	1,000.00								
Balance from 1948	2,000.00								
Mary Mynott Fund Income: Balance from 1948	25.88								
From Income	20.00								
Total Schools and Libraries	460,629.71	8,765.27	469,394.98	420,852.35		420,852.35	45,534.29	3,008.34	

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
<b>Recreation and Unclassified:</b>								
Parks .....	500.00		500.00	290.18		290.18	209.82	
Playgrounds .....	4,500.00		4,500.00	3,811.24		3,811.24	688.76	
World War Memorial .....	500.00		500.00	463.94		463.94	36.06	
World War II Honor Roll .....	350.00		350.00	349.80		349.80	.20	
Band Concerts .....	500.00		500.00	484.95		484.95	15.05	
Swimming Pool Maint. ....	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,712.14		2,712.14	87.86	
Recreation Field—Sal. ....	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,277.00		3,277.00	223.00	
Recreation Field—Exp. ....	3,000.00	2.12	3,002.12	2,537.03		2,537.03	465.09	
By Refund .....			1,500.00	1,234.00		1,234.00	266.00	
Repairs to Ball Diamond .....	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,595.67		1,595.67	204.33	
Addition to Backstop .....	1,000.00		1,000.00	995.31		995.31	4.69	
Alumni Field .....								
Airport Maint.—Balance								
From 1948 .....	500.00	500.00	500.00					500.00
Damage to Persons & Prop.								
From Reserve Fund .....	500.00	186.35	686.35	588.70		588.70	97.65	
Memorial Day .....	600.00		600.00	600.00		600.00		
Armistice Day .....	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Annual Reports .....	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,859.30		1,859.30	140.70	
Pensions—1950 Revenue .....	300.00		300.00					300.00
Pensions—Non-Contrib.	6,858.68		6,858.68					
Insurance .....	21,000.00			6,688.87		6,688.87	169.81	
Balance from 1948 .....		675.91						
By Refunds .....		444.28						
To Charlton St. Sewer .....			22,120.19	18,244.98				
To Worcester St. Sidewalk .....					14.66			
Town Clock .....	200.00		200.00	72.92	661.25	18,920.89	3,199.30	
						72.92	127.08	

Water and Ice .....	600.00		600.00	554.03	45.97	
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years .....	589.21					
Balance from 1948 .....		53.75	642.96	628.98	13.98	
Pension Accumulation Fund .....						
and Retirement Increase .....	13,576.03		13,576.03	13,576.03		
	66,473.92	1,862.41	68,336.33	675.91	5,995.35	800.00
<b>Cemeteries and Enterprises:</b>						
Cemetery .....	4,100.00					49.65
From Trust Funds Income .....		1,918.73	6,018.73	6,068.38		
Cemetery Improvement Acct.: .....		675.22				
Balance from 1948 .....						
From Sale of Lots and .....		1,363.00	2,038.22	2,036.97	1.25	
Graves Fund .....						
	4,100.00	3,956.95	8,056.95	8,105.35	1.25	49.65

<b>Special Appropriations:</b>						
Swimming Pool Steps and .....						
Retaining Wall .....	2,000.00			4,983.81	16.19	
Balance from 1948 .....		3,000.00	5,000.00			
Town Government Survey— .....			171.06			171.06
Balance from 1948 .....		171.06				
Dean Brook Bridge .....	2,000.00					
Balance from 1948 .....		1,979.00	3,979.00	3,761.13	217.87	
Town Hall Vault— .....						
Balance from 1948 .....		179.52	179.52	123.29	56.23	
River Street School Grading .....						
—Balance from 1948 .....		500.00	500.00	431.95	68.05	
Town Hall Alterations and Re-pairs—Bal. from 1948 .....		1,241.80	1,241.80	593.50		648.30

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
Mechanic St., Chap. 90 Const. —1949 Contract #11752.....	6,000.00							
From State and County Reimbursements.....		10,141.65	16,141.65	13,539.63		13,539.63		2,602.02
Foster St. Park. Lot Rep. ....	1,500.00		1,500.00	495.30		495.30		1,004.70
Charlton Street Drain .....	183.34							
From Insurance Acct. ....	1,000.00	14.66	198.00	198.00		198.00		
Fairmont Ave. Drain .....			1,000.00	68.00		68.00		932.00
Meadowbrook Rd. Drain— Balance from 1948 .....		1,050.15	1,050.15					1,050.15
Morris St. Drain and Resurf.: From Excess & Deficiency .....	5,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	22,809.27		22,809.27		12,190.73
Westwood Pkwy. Storm Drain To Westwood Pkwy. Resurf. ....			5,000.00	4,172.40	827.60	5,000.00		
Charlton St. Reconstruction From Excess & Deficiency .....	22,000.00	10,000.00	32,000.00	25,365.64		25,365.64		6,634.36
Dennison Rd. Reconstruction— Balance from 1948 .....		842.79	842.79	818.20		818.20	24.59	
Elm St. Resurfacing .....	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,959.90		9,959.90	40.10	
Everett St. Resurfacing .....	1,800.00							
Balance from 1948 .....		729.84	2,529.84	1,651.88				
To Highways Expense .....					877.96	2,529.84		
South St. Resurfacing .....	20,000.00		20,000.00	19,353.53		19,353.53	646.47	
West St. Drain & Resurfacing— Balance from 1948 .....		113.08						
From Excess & Deficiency .....		5,000.00	5,113.08	5,106.49		5,106.49	6.59	



# **SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)**

	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
Cisco St. Land Damage—								
Balance from 1948 .....		150.00	150.00					150.00
Goddard Ct. Land Damage—								
Balance from 1948 .....		7,060.40	7,060.40	100.00		100.00		6,960.40
Eastford Rd., Chap. 90 Const.—								
1948 Contract #11335: Balance from 1948 .....		5,727.15						
Reimbursements from State and County .....		16,339.56	22,066.71	21,962.68		21,962.68	104.03	
Eastford Rd., Chap. 90 Const.—								
1947 Contract #10656: Over- drawn 12/31/48 .....								
Reimbursements from State and County .....		5,605.82	5,605.82	6.43		6.43		740.20
	77,810.74	163,637.05	241,447.79	163,788.87	8,355.36	172,144.23	1,319.87	62,384.30
								740.20
<b>Interest and Maturing Debt:</b>								
Interest—Temporary Loan ..	2,200.00		2,200.00	1,459.04		1,459.04	740.96	
Interest—Funded Debt .....	2,412.50		2,412.50	2,412.50		2,412.50		
Maturing Debt .....	46,000.00		46,000.00	46,000.00		46,000.00		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans								
Balance from 1948 .....		100,000.00						
Issued 1949 .....		350,000.00	450,000.00	350,000.00		350,000.00		100,000.00
Anticipation of Highway Re- imbursements—Bal. from 1948		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00		
	50,612.50	452,500.00	503,112.50	402,371.54		402,371.54	740.96	100,000.00

# Agency, Trust and Investment:

State Audit of Ac-	643.84	647.48	3.64
counts Assessment			
State Parks and Res-	1,262.31	1,785.88	523.57
ervations Assessment			
State Examination of Re-	52.37	52.37	
tirement System			
County Tax	40,113.98	37,963.37	2,150.61
County TB Hospital Assess.	27,725.95	21,268.74	6,457.21
Dog Tax—For County	1,905.40	1,905.40	
Federal Taxes Withheld	53,933.14	53,933.14	
Blue Cross and Blue			
Shield Deductions	3,668.61	3,668.61	
Deposits on Plans and Bids	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Be-	1,716.17	1,416.17	300.00
quests—Deposited			
Cemetery, Special Care Funds	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Bequests			
Post-War Rehabilitation	4,218.75	4,218.75	
Fund Income—Deposited			
Various Overpayments	994.94	994.94	
Refunded			
	69,798.45	71,037.01	140,835.46
		132,454.85	8,907.82
			527.21

Overdrawn Accts. 1/1/49	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn to Forw'ded Accounts to 1950 12/31/49
<b>Recapitulation:</b>								
General Government	63,523.00	2,560.39	66,083.39	64,026.31	360.00	64,386.31	1,439.99	257.09
Protection of Persons and Property	190,002.83	8,126.79	198,129.62	190,637.71	108.95	190,746.66	667.96	6,715.00
Health and Sanitation	27,980.00	2,500.00	30,480.00	27,292.84		27,292.84	3,187.16	
Highways	102,189.43	4,492.47	106,681.90	101,861.67	1,228.92	103,090.59	1,889.08	3,900.00
Charities and Veterans' Benefits	194,560.00	113,269.40	307,829.49	289,643.44	800.00	290,443.44	1,354.25	16,031.80
Schools and Libraries	460,629.71	8,765.27	469,394.98	420,852.35		420,852.35	45,534.29	3,008.34
Recreation and Unclassified	66,473.92	1,862.41	68,336.33	60,865.07	675.91	61,540.98	5,995.35	300.00
Cemeteries and Enterprises	4,100.00	3,956.95	8,056.95	8,105.35		8,105.35	1.25	49.65
Special								
Appropriations	6,339.59	77,810.74	163,637.05	241,447.79	8,355.36	172,144.23	1,319.87	62,384.30
Interest and Ma- turing Debt		50,612.50	452,500.00	402,371.54		402,371.54	740.96	100,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	69,798.45	71,037.01	140,835.46	132,454.85		132,454.85		8,907.82
	6,339.59	1,307,680.58	832,707.83	2,140,388.41	1,861,900.00	11,529.14	1,873,429.14	202,004.35
							62,130.16	3,514.83

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Southbridge, Mass.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1949

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.  
1950



## ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1949-1950

Paul H. Benoit, Chairman, 236 West Street .....	1950
William J. Brunell, 153 Charlton Street .....	1950
Armand DeAngelis, 333 Worcester Street .....	1951
Rosaire LaFleche, 18 Hudson Avenue .....	1951
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill .....	1952
Ernest Boyer, 251 Marcy Street .....	1952

### Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in the conference room in the High School Building, except as follows.

In January, 2nd Monday  
In March, 3rd Monday  
In September, 2nd Monday

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

During the year 1949, the School Committee met the following number of times:

Regular meetings .....	10	Special meetings .....	12
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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William L. Bourgeois                      Residence, 172 Dresser Street.

Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 7:30 P. M. for work permits.

The Superintendent is available for conference by appointment, particularly in the afternoon. Please Call 365.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street ..... Tel. 1108

## SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street ..... Tel. 984  
Dr. Ada B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street ..... Tel. 32

## SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 32 Taft Street ..... Tel. 2579

## SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Paul A. Duhart, School Office ..... Tel. 1750-M

## SCHOOL CALENDAR—1950

Winter term, seven weeks ..... January 3-February 17  
Spring term, seven weeks ..... February 27-April 14  
Summer term, nine weeks ..... April 24-June 23  
Fall term, sixteen weeks ..... September 6-December 21

## NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### In Brief:

Total Expenditures .....	\$408,980.73	
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....	164,124.30	
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Net Cost to Town .....		\$244,856.43

### In Detail:

Receipts to School Department		
Appropriation .....	\$450,279.71	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov't. ....	4,389.58	
George Barden Fund .....	\$475.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1949 .....	26.00	449.00
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Total—Funds Available .....		\$455,118.29

## EXPENDITURES

### General Control:

Salaries .....	\$ 10,776.81	
Other Expenses .....	1,324.67	
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Total—General Control .....		\$ 12,101.48

### Auxiliary Agencies:

Transportation .....	15,284.89	
Tuition to other schools .....	763.64	
Compulsory attendance .....	330.73	
School Doctors .....	1,988.49	
School nurse .....	2,672.41	
Medical expenses .....	347.05	
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Total—Auxiliary Agencies .....		21,387.21

### High School:

Instruction salaries .....	75,914.73	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	1,294.55	
Supplies .....	4,566.81	

Other expenses .....	543.63
Operation of plant .....	11,459.78
Maintenance of plant .....	1,249.09
Capital outlay .....	1,298.65

Total—High School .....	96,327.24
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### **Elementary Schools:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$144,670.09
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks .....	1,586.54
Supplies .....	3,929.89
Other expenses .....	255.29
Operation of plant .....	23,639.56
Maintenance of plant .....	2,168.97
Capital outlay .....	5,025.63

Total—Elementary Schools .....	181,275.97
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### **Vocational School:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 62,222.19
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks .....	214.29
Supplies .....	2,909.72
Other expenses .....	346.35
Operation of plant .....	4,614.43
Maintenance of plant .....	2,796.80
Capital outlay .....	529.13

Total—Vocational School .....	73,632.91
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### **Evening High School:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,062.00
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies .....	62.80
Operation of plant .....	574.10
Capital outlay .....	7.20

Total—Evening High School .....	1,706.10
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### **Elementary Evening School:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,253.00
Instruction expenses .....	28.70
Operation of plant .....	150.00

Total—Elementary Eve. School .....	1,431.70
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**Evening Vocational School:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,692.00	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	5.94	
Supplies .....	201.85	
Operation of plant .....	157.44	
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Total Even. Vocational School .....		2,057.23

**Household Arts:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 4,999.79	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	347.05	
Other expenses .....	21.62	
Maintenance of plant .....	21.08	
Capital outlay .....	57.06	
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Total Household Arts .....		5,446.60

**Industrial Arts:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 3,233.36	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	182.16	
Maintenance .....	7.86	
Capital outlay .....	26.05	
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Total—Industrial Arts .....		3,449.43

**Domestic Science:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,425.34	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	145.21	
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Total—Domestic Science .....		1,570.55

**Visual Aids:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 799.93	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	85.99	
Maintenance .....	6.00	
Capital outlay .....	361.00	
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Total—Visual Aids .....		1,252.92

**Playgrounds:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 2,934.50	
Instruction expenses:		
Other expenses .....	907.34	
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Total—Playgrounds .....		3,841.84
CONTINGENCY FUND .....		3,499.55
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Total Expenditures .....		\$408,980.73
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Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1949 .....		46,137.56
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		\$455,118.29

**REIMBURSEMENTS**

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as amended 1948, Chap. 643) .....	\$ 88,719.00	
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant .....	10,593.74	
Vocational School (Day) State Grant .....	9,791.75	
Vocational School—Gen. Vocational .....	11,633.60	
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant .....	1,576.14	
Household Arts—State Grant .....	4,145.99	
Continuation School—State Grant .....	226.23	
Evening Practical Arts School .....	471.50	
Adult Civic Education .....	627.50	
Worcester Evening Ind. School .....	12.60	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund .....	4,389.58	
George Barden Fund .....	475.00	
High School Tuition .....	14,693.68	
Elementary School Tuition .....	1,385.11	
Vocational School Tuition .....	14,554.42	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold .....	558.44	
Refunds .....	247.98	
Springfield Cooperative Distributive Occupations School .....	47.04	
Springfield Evening Distributive Occupations School .....	1.00	
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Total .....		\$164,150.30
George Barden Fund— Balance, December 31, 1949 .....		26.00
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....		\$164,124.30

# SCHOOL PERSONNEL — SALARIES

## AS OF JANUARY 1, 1950

	Salaries	Special Duties	Gross Salary
Bourgeois, William, Supt.	\$6,700.00	Out-of-state travel	\$6,900.00
Kyrios, Lewis, Director of Health and Safety	3,650.00	Phys. Ed. Dif.	200.00
Lacouture, Claude, Ind. Arts		Athletics	150.00
Merenda, Peter, Guidance Dir.	3,285.00	Differential	200.00
Van Etten, Eleanor, Music Super.	3,350.00	Differential	200.00
Sweet, Paul, Instrumental Music	3,700.00	Differential	200.00
	1,875.00		1,875.00
<b>Mary E. Wells High School</b>			
Robertson, James M., Principal	5,200.00	(Even. School Incl.)	5,200.00
Aucoin, Pauline	3,213.33	Supply Room	3,413.33
Bartoli, Dorothy	3,285.00		3,285.00
Beauregard, Kathryn	3,613.33	Junior Play	50.00
		Athletics	100.00
Birtz, Claire J.	2,900.00		3,763.33
Brodeur, Rose	3,350.00		2,900.00
Coderre, Constance	3,253.33		3,350.00
Corbin, Luise	3,150.00		3,253.33
Desroches, Edward	1,800.00	Visual Aids	3,150.00
		Athletics	800.00
Duhart, Paul	2,400.00	Attendance Officer	200.00
		Athletics	1,000.00
			3,600.00

Fitzgerald, Thecia .....	3,500.00	Grad. Exer. ....	100.00
Hefner, C. Estelle .....	3,220.00	Sr. Play & C.&G. ....	100.00
Howe, Persis .....	3,280.00		
Kyrios, Barbara .....	3,315.00		
Laakso, Eino .....	3,477.50	Athletics .....	400.00
Lane, Arthur .....	2,950.00	Athletics .....	200.00
LeClair, Cecile .....	3,513.33	Dean of Girls .....	200.00
McMahon, Harry J. ....	3,526.67	Fac. Dir. Ath. ....	335.00
Tait, Flora .....	3,500.00	Athletics .....	400.00
Themistocles, Liberty .....	2,900.00	Talent Show .....	50.00
Troy, Frances .....	3,300.00	Athletics .....	200.00
Varnam, Lindzay .....	3,120.00		
Wanerka, Elsie .....	2,800.00		
Welch, John .....	3,155.00		

### Cole Trade High School

Benoit, Raymond L. W., Director .....	4,500.00	(Even. Sch. Incl.) .....	4,500.00
Andrews, Harold .....	3,558.34		3,558.34
Benson, John .....	3,548.34		3,548.34
Braman, George .....	3,577.50		3,577.50
Couture, Francis .....	3,518.92		3,518.92
Glondok, Walter .....	3,565.00		3,565.00
Hall, Ernest .....	500.00		500.00
Johnson, Nels .....	3,556.67		3,556.67
Julien, William .....	3,519.16		3,519.16
Lavallee, Emery .....	3,440.00	Supervisor .....	560.00
		Bldg. Maint. Officer .....	500.00
			4,500.00

Nickerson, William .....	3,540.00	.....	3,540.00
Paul, William .....	3,585.40	.....	3,595.40
Skinyon, Frank .....	3,640.00	Athletics .....	200.00
		Fund. R. Acct. ....	100.00
Swenson, Lawrence .....	3,477.51		
Remian, Eugene .....	2,400.00	Athletics .....	300.00
Cognesi, Philip .....	2,000.00		

### Charlton Street School

Racine, R. Joseph, Principal .....	3,600.00	Principal .....	325.00
Curtis, Elizabeth .....	3,350.00	Athletics .....	250.00
Finnerty, Theodore .....	3,580.00	Athletics .....	100.00
Golden, Helen .....	2,900.00		
Gough, Irene .....	2,940.00		
Howes, Gladys .....	3,270.00		
Mahan, Ruth .....	3,010.00		
Maynard, Josette .....	2,650.00		
Saunders, Marie .....	3,010.00		
Tarquino, Florida .....	3,140.00		
Thornton, Mary .....	2,800.00		

### Eastford Road School

Lataille, Raoul O., Principal .....	3,500.00	Principal .....	325.00
		Athletics .....	250.00
Callahan, Patricia .....	3,540.00		
Campbell, Marjorie .....	3,200.00		
Foley, Bertha .....	3,095.00		

Athletics .....	200.00	3,400.00
.....		3,150.00
.....		2,900.00
.....		3,200.00
.....		3,046.67
.....		2,950.00
.....		2,247.50

### Marcy Street School

Principal .....	225.00	3,765.00
.....		3,263.34
.....		2,995.00
.....		3,100.00
.....		3,055.00
Athletics .....	250.00	3,600.00
.....		3,013.33
.....		3,076.67
.....		2,900.00
.....		1,440.00

### Mechanic Street School

Teacher in Charge .....	50.00	3,350.00
Ktgn. Diff. ....	200.00	3,000.00
Ktgn. Diff. ....	200.00	2,900.00

Jenness, Ellwood .....	3,200.00
Jodrey, Myrtle .....	3,150.00
Maxwell, Cathryn .....	2,900.00
McSweeney, Bridie .....	3,200.00
Morrill, Julia .....	3,046.67
Richardson, Ann .....	2,950.00
Serleto, Marie .....	2,247.50

L'Ecuver, Constance, Principal .....	3,540.00
Dintini, Camella .....	3,263.34
Dion, Alice W. ....	2,995.00
Henderson, Charlotte .....	3,100.00
Huson, Ruth .....	3,055.00
Nash, Malcolm .....	3,350.00
Salviuolo, Eva .....	3,013.33
Sweet, Celestine .....	3,076.67
Wallace, Bertha .....	2,900.00
Steenburn, Louise .....	1,440.00

Eddy, A. Kathleen .....	3,100.00
Grape, Marjorie .....	2,800.00
Kirk, Claire .....	2,900.00

## River Street School

Towse, Evangeline .....	3,045.00	Teacher in Charge .....	50.00	
Beaudette, Francis .....	2,620.00	Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00	3,295.00
Bisbee, A. Freda .....	2,970.00	Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00	3,070.00
Reed, Clara M. ....	2,962.60			2,970.00
		Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00	3,162.50

## West Street School

Boyer, Laurenda, Principal .....	3,102.50	Principal .....	275.00	
Beaudreau, Corinne .....	3,100.00	Gym. Co-ord. ....	200.00	3,577.50
Casavant, Eva .....	3,552.50			3,100.00
Holmes, Everett .....	3,240.00	Athletics .....	250.00	3,552.50
Randall, Edith .....	2,900.00			3,490.00
Roberts, Emily .....	3,350.00			2,900.00
Sampson, Ruth .....	2,900.00			3,350.00
Sheriffs, Dorothy .....	2,800.00			2,900.00
Small, Elinor .....	2,955.00			2,800.00
				2,955.00

## Coaches

Farland, John .....	1,100.00			1,100.00
Carpentier, Nelson .....	300.00			300.00
Theodoss, Joseph .....	200.00			200.00
Darzen, John .....	200.00			200.00
Themistocles, Vera .....	100.00			100.00

### Nurse and Doctors

Pinsonneault, Edna, R.N. ....	2,750.00	.....	2,750.00
Langevin, William E., M.D. ....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Eccleston, Adah, M.D. ....	350.00	.....	350.00

### Janitors

L'Homme, Rodolph .....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Favreau, Valmore .....	2,600.00	.....	2,800.00
Caron, Philias .....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Alger, Frederick .....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Moore, Joseph R. ....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Leduc, Theophile .....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Gaumont, Armand .....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Tetreault, Eugene .....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Craite, John B. ....	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00
Maintenance .....	200.00	.....	

### Secretaries

Hofstra, Elsie A., Supt's. Sec. ....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Adams, Nora, High School Clerk .....	2,100.00	.....	2,100.00
Connolly, Margaret, Trade School Cl. ....	2,400.00	.....	2,400.00
Baybutt, Maureen, Trade Sch. Cl. ....	1,900.00	.....	1,900.00

### Evening High School\*

Kyrios, Barbara .....	3,315.00	.....	3,396.00
Favreau, Valmore .....	2,800.00	.....	2,910.00
Caron, Philias .....	2,600.00	.....	2,848.00
Jan.-Mar. 1949 .....		81.00	
Jan.-Mar. 1949 .....		110.00	
Jan.-Mar. 1949 .....		248.00	

### Elementary Evening School\*

Callahan, Patricia .....	Jan.-Feb. 1949 .....	48.00	3,588.00
Dintini, Camella .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	246.00	3,509.34
L'Ecuver, Constance .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	410.00	4,175.00
Reed, Clara M. ....	Jan.-Feb. 1949 .....	84.00	3,246.50
Sweet, Celestine .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	162.00	3,238.67
Themistocles, Liberty .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	369.00	3,469.00

### Evening Vocational School\*

Andrews, Harold .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	132.00	3,690.34
Braman, George .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	240.00	3,817.50
Couture, Francis .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	90.00	3,608.92
Julien, William .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	102.00	3,621.16
Nickerson, William .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	138.00	3,678.00
Paul, William .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	120.00	3,705.84
Skinyon, Frank .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	186.00	4,126.00
Swenson, Lawrence .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	120.00	3,597.51
Connolly, Margaret, Clerk .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	90.00	2,490.00
Craite, John B., Janitor .....	Jan.-Dec. 1949 .....	85.00	2,585.00

\*\*The amounts disbursed for Evening High, Elementary Evening, Evening Vocational, are on a reimbursable basis from George - Barden (Federal) Funds and from State Department of Education Funds.

# Summer Playgrounds

McMahon, Harry J., Director	4,261.67	July 11-Aug. 19	300.00	4,561.67
Beauregard, Kathryn	3,763.33	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	3,958.33
Golden, Helen	2,900.00	July 11-Aug. 19	175.50	3,075.50
Howe, Persis	3,280.00	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	3,475.00
Kyrios, Lewis	4,000.00	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	4,195.00
Nickerson, William	3,540.00	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	3,735.00
Themistocles, Liberty	3,469.00	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	3,664.00
Welch, John	3,155.00	July 11-Aug. 19	195.00	3,350.00

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the Southbridge School Committee  
and to the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

It is my pleasurable duty to submit herewith a fourth annual report, the sixty-fifth in the series of reports by the Superintendent of Schools.

This report, together with the reports of various department heads, will present a summary of the ever-expanding activities in the Southbridge Public Schools, despite in many instances almost insurmountable odds and difficulties to beset our every endeavor.

The sweep of events in the world of today has been reflected only too significantly in the very heart of the community and has not lessened the challenge meted out to our schools. Education must never be a mere contingency in the lives of our youth. The youth of today needs more than ever before to be equipped with those tools of learning and understanding, permeated with those principles of "human relations," that will enable them to furnish those unifying tendencies that will offset this cleavage in our world as well as in our community. It becomes a trite expression to say that "our children are the citizens of tomorrow," but the line of conduct they are in the process of developing will be patterned on the lives of the community leaders who "set the example." The citizens of the community can only become increasingly aware of the constant endeavor of our schools to develop loyalty to American ideals.

The process of Education will continue. It is not our purpose to strike only a pessimistic note. One needs convictions, but above all one needs to have the courage of those convictions—and we look to the future without fear or trepidation. Ours is a community service of the highest importance. We share with the parents the all-important task of "bringing up" their children: We are only doing different phases of the same "job." Such a task must inevitably be based on the utmost mutual understanding and respect. It will always require the utmost cooperation to carry out our bounden duty. It is to this "ideal of service" that our lives are dedicated. Our primary concern is the youth and the children of the community as each strives to become the meaningful individual citizen of tomorrow: They are your children.

### Enrollment

The trend of increase in enrollment in the Public Schools has continued to create a greater impact on housing facilities, especially in the Elementary Schools. The enrollment in the

Public Schools, as of October 1st for the last three years is as follows:

	All Public Schools	Pub. Elem. Schools
1946 .....	1853	1077
1947 .....	1788	1091
1948 .....	1800	1141

The enrollment figures in the Elementary Schools do not show a startling increase, but the following table should dispel any confusion in the minds of some people as to the actual size of the elementary school population in comparison to the number of classrooms available.

The enrollment in the Public Schools as of January 3, 1950, is as follows:

Grade	Charl- ton Street	Mech- anic Street	East- ford Road	Marcy Street	West Street	River Street	Tot.
Ktgn.		80					80
1A	27		30	39	26	17	139
1B	18		30				48
2A	26	22	23	40	41	12	164
2B			23				23
3A	22		26	34	42		124
3B			22				22
4	33		33	31	36		133
5A	23		35	33	40		131
5B	22						22
6	37		39	32	38		146
7	25		20	26	27		98
8	33		23	13	25		94
Man. Arts				19		25	44
Total	266	102	304	267	275	54	1268
Mary E. Wells High—Freshmen .....					138		
Sophomores .....					123		
Juniors .....					104		
Seniors .....					102		
Post-Graduates .....					3		470
Cole Trade High —Day .....					199		
Cooperative .....					85		284
Grand Total							2022

In considering the above table, several observations must be made. The shift in population from one school district to an-

other has in itself nullified our forecast following a survey made in 1946-47. Along with new housing, new families have taken up residence. Thus, **the enrollment in our Elementary Schools increased from October 1, 1949 to January 3, 1950, from 1141 to 1268.**

The facilities of our elementary schools are greatly over-taxed—

1. Charlton Street School is using every classroom. The need of one more room for a grade 2 has been met by the reopening of Mechanic Street School.
2. The Eastford Road School is still using its library and an activity room as classrooms.
3. The Marcy Street School, with only eight rooms, has lost a portion of its 2nd grade to Mechanic Street School. And, moreover the lower grades are greatly crowded.
4. The West Street School is not using its library for a classroom, but it must be noted that several grades are exceedingly overcrowded.

With the increase in enrollment throughout the autumn months, the Superintendent of Schools in December requested to be authorized to attempt a plan "of transfer to equalize the number of pupils in the various classrooms." A request was mailed to the parents of those children who could transfer from one school to another without creating any hardship on them or on the family, to permit their child or children to transfer. This request was made for transfers on a purely "voluntary basis" on the part of the parents. The response was negligible; very little relief was obtained. The situation points unmistakably to the need for more adequate housing to permit smaller classes in order that a teacher will have a "fighting chance" to do the job he or she is expected to do. We cannot cheat our children any longer.

## The School Budget

The Town Meeting of March, 1949, voted the School Department the total amount of \$442,279.71, which was \$39,000 more than the original Estimate of Expenditures, approved by the School Committee on December 6, 1948.

The results were as follows:

	Salaries	All Other Expenses	Total
Original Request .....	\$336,862.31	\$66,417.40	\$403,279.71
Town Meeting Vote .....	\$375,862.31	\$66,417.40	\$442,279.71

This increase of \$39,000 was for a salary increase for Teachers, and it was obtained directly by them on a "substitute mo-

tion" on the Town Hall floor, following an appeal to the voters, based on the amount of New State Aid to be received by the Town of Southbridge by virtue of the Act of the State Legislature in June, 1948.

The actual expenditures for the year 1949 are as follows:

	School Budget	Actual Expenditures	Balance
Salaries .....	\$375,862.31	\$335,254.06	\$40,608.25
All Other Expenses	\$ 66,417.40	\$ 66,415.88	\$ 1.52

N. B. To the salaries balance must be added the Federal Funds in the amount of \$4,838.58, making a Salaries balance of \$45,446.83 or a **"balance on hand" December 31, 1949 of \$45,448.35, which will revert to the E. & D. Account of the Town.**

The Estimate of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1950 as approved by the School Committee on December 6, 1949, shows, therefore, the following **decreases**:

	1949	1950	Decrease
Salaries .....	\$375,862.31	\$351,337.82	\$24,524.49
All Other Expenses	\$66,417.40	\$ 65,475.00	\$ 1,042.40

The decrease in salaries is accounted for by the limits set by the School Committee to the "Salary Schedule" proposed by the Teacher's Association, one of which was the elimination of "Service Pay." The amount includes normal yearly increments. The amount of "All Other Expenses" takes into account a necessary but reasonable repair and maintenance program.

### State Aid for Schools

It is now possible to talk of State Aid with tangible figures. It needs also to be pointed out that this "State Aid" is a "Redistribution of State Income Tax," based on a definite formula, received by the Town of Southbridge **on account of its day high and elementary schools and this state aid does not interfere in any way with reimbursements on account of the trade school.**

The actual "State Aid" received by the Town of Southbridge for the year 1949, was \$88,719.00 or over \$5,000 more than was originally forecast. Since the amount received in 1948 was only \$13,713.60, this is an **actual increase of \$75,005.40** for the Town of Southbridge, on account of schools.

Further legislation will be sought in 1951 to increase still more the amount of State Aid in order to make more tangible the "relief to the Taxpayer."

**Tuition Rates**

As is customary, the School Committee in December, 1949, set the per capita tuition rates, effective January 1, 1950, for the ensuing year. The tuition rate is determined according to a definite formula specified by the State Department of Education and based on the Actual Expenditures for Support, exclusive of general control and transportation for the School Year ending the previous June 30th. A comparison of tuition rates for the last four years points unmistakably to the tremendous rise in school costs:

	1947	1948	1949	1950
High School .....	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$179.00	\$213.06
Elementary School	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$141.00	\$161.36

**Salary Schedule**

By the Citizens' vote at the Town Meeting in March, 1949, the salaries account in the school budget was raised by \$39,000 for the purpose of granting the teachers a Salary Raise, according to a schedule developed by the Teachers' Association. The School Committee, after several meetings, voted to set the following maximums:

Non-Degree (60 pts.) .....	\$2,900
Non-Degree (90 pts.) .....	3,000
Bachelor's Degree (120 pts.) .....	3,200
Master's Degree (150 pts.) .....	3,500

The Trade School maximum salaries of \$3,440 and \$3,640, depending on requirements by the State Department remained unchanged by vote of the School Committee on December 6, 1949.

The total actual increase by the new schedule for teachers in the school system, as of June, 1949, amounted to \$19,894.29. The School Committee had further voted to make all salary increases effective September 1, 1949. Therefore there has been only **one-third** of the above amount disbursed for salaries in the fiscal year 1949. New teachers entering service in September, 1949, benefited by the new salary schedule. The Physical Education Department was greatly expanded and the increase in the salaries of coaches took a considerable sum.

The new salary schedule has been given some consideration for teaching as a profession and comes a step nearer to permitting teachers to maintain the standard of living that is expected of them, which necessarily includes "professional improvement" for which considerable disbursement must be made. There is much controversy as to "how much should a teacher be paid." It is a matter that can be settled arbitrarily by saying "that teachers should be paid only what the town can afford to pay

them" . . . Or should not teachers who are doing the same job in a town, as other teachers are doing in other cities or towns, receive the same salary, and not a salary of three to four hundred or more dollars less . . . Teaching is still a profession and it is a profession that needs to be given much more consideration in many, many respects. All we ask, and I repeat, is the "fighting chance" to do the job that you expect of us . . .

### Transportation of Pupils

To the existing policy of providing transportation for pupils in grades one through four who live a distance of one mile or more from school, and for pupils in grades five through twelve who live one and one-half or more miles from school, the School Committee voted on September 19, 1949, to grant transportation to pupils in Kindergarten, or in a similar grade in the parochial schools, who live three-quarters of a mile from school.

Pupils given transportation as of January 1, 1950:

School Attended	Number Pupils	
Mary E. Wells High .....	31	
Marcy Street .....	76	
West Street .....	7	
River Street .....	6	
Cole Trade High .....	8	
Eastford Road .....	30	
Charlton Street .....	13	
Mechanic Street .....	9	
Kindergarten .....	39	
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Total Public Schools .....	219	219
Notre Dame .....	129	
St. Mary's .....	31	
Sacred Heart .....	26	
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Total Parochial Schools .....	186	186
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Total Public and Parochial Schools .....		405

The School Department spent for Transportation during the year 1949, the sum of \$15,284.89 as follows:

School Busses (LePain) [Including 2 Worcester

Street Railway busses sublet by Mr. LePain besides 3 busses of his own] .....	\$13,610.10
Taxi and Small Car (Bourdelaïs) .....	1,575.74
Taxi (Veteran's Taxi) .....	82.55
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Total .....	\$15,284.89

A sub-committee of the School Committee has conducted a survey, the results of which are to propose that the Town of Southbridge purchase and operate its own busses at a figure considerably less than the above. Much more study must be given to the problem.

### Expansion of Pupil Services

It has been gratifying this past year to have had many of our plans and projects materialize. Pupil services denote those facilities that are an amelioration to the curriculum, as well as those activities which are often called extra-curricular.

1. The establishment of Kindergartens which were finally opened in September, 1949, has won approval from all quarters. There are presently 80 youngsters in 4 sessions who are being initiated to the rudiments of schooling. As facilities are developed we will have reason to be all the more proud of our Kindergartens.
2. The re-establishment of Guidance on a full-time basis has filled a long-felt want. That is a service which is essential to a modern school department. The Guidance Director's report is worthy of a great deal of study.
3. The program of Health and Safety and Physical Education in the Elementary Schools became very popular from the start. Many phases are yet to be developed but the after-school activities in Physical Education has already begun to develop that idea of good sportsmanship of which we need so much in the world today. The Director's report is worthy of note.
4. The Audio-Visual Education program has made a step forward with the addition of a Director on at least a half-time basis. In spite of a long process of reorganization, an appropriate program is being developed. And as equipment is made available to that department, a program worthy of the needs and interests of our school population in all grade levels, will be a reality. Our endeavors will be limited also for lack of time in the present set-up.

By contrast to the expansion of services noted above, it was unfortunate for the school system to lose its **elementary supervisor**. The several phases of the job have been taken up as facilities permit. One of the phases is **testing**. It has been possible to meet our needs: One of the principal needs of tests is for **Grade Placement** for those pupils who enter our elementary schools from out of Town or by transfer from another school in Town.

It must be pointed out that a test, whether to determine **achievement** or **mental ability**, gives a good indication of what a pupil has done or what a pupil can do. Of course they are not infallible: There is always the "margin of probable error," but they are nevertheless an indication for the principal and the teacher of what we can expect from a pupil.

From September to December, 1949, the following tests were very ably administered by Mrs. Evangeline Towse, Special Class Teacher.

Mental Ability Tests	
Individual .....	58
Group .....	220
Achievement Tests .....	141
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Total .....	419

An individual test report has been made in duplicate and a copy has been placed in the Cumulative Record Card of the respective pupil.

The few considerations made above are only an insight into the vast field of educational administration—only an observation on a few topics of prime importance concerning our schools. All problems cannot be even outlined in these few pages of a Town Report. It will be only when all interested parents and patrons, individuals or groups, face squarely the problems with which we are confronted that we will arrive at a solution on a basis of mutual respect and confidence.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the entire personnel of the School Department for their loyalty and cooperation, as well as for their conscientious and efficient work during this past year.

To the Citizens of Southbridge I give my heartfelt thanks for their constructive criticism and for their cooperation and assistance in meeting and solving the many problems of the school year.

We are equally indebted to the officers of the other town departments who have always been willing to help us by pooling their respective facilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM L. BOURGEOIS,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1948, to July, 1949. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1949, to January 1, 1950.

### I.—School Buildings (Including Cole Trade H. S.)—1949

No. Buildings ... Occupied	7	No. Buildings ... Unoccupied	0
No. Classrooms Occupied	84	No. Classrooms Unoccupied	0

### II.—Teachers (Including Cole Trade High School)

Number Men Teachers	34	Number Women Teachers	57
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### III.—Pupils

Number of children in Town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7	585
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,664
Between the ages of 14 and 16	399

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,648
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Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1948	1949
From September to June	1,574	1,681
Number between 5 and 7	169	211
Number between 7 and 14	860	913
Number between 14 and 16	313	307
Number over 16 years of age	232	250
Average membership	1,299	1,601
Average daily attendance	1,462	1,520

#### Total enrollment NOTRE DAME

From September to June	648	643
Number between 5 and 7	147	164
Number between 7 and 14	428	411
Number between 14 and 16	57	56
Number over 16 years of age	16	12
Average membership	658	630
Average daily attendance	608	600

#### Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC

From September to June	331	318
Number between 5 and 7	83	114
Number between 7 and 14	229	190
Number between 14 and 16	18	14
Number over 16 years of age	1	0
Average membership	318	310
Average daily attendance	313	294

# Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S

From September to June .....	218	221
Number between 5 and 7 .....	34	24
Number between 7 and 14 .....	155	161
Number between 14 and 16 .....	23	25
Number over 16 years of age .....	6	11
Average membership .....	220	219
Average daily attendance .....	210	207

# Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (Day)

From September to June .....	145	199
Number between 14 and 16 .....	78	94
Number over 16 years of age .....	67	105
Average membership .....	132	141
Average daily attendance .....	124	132

# Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

From September to June .....	90	69
Number over 16 years of age .....	90	69
Average membership .....	55	50
Average daily attendance .....	52	48

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1949

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
<b>M. E. Wells H. S.</b>							
	198	280	478	472	431.55	450.82	95.33
<b>Charlton St.</b>							
Grade 8	16	17	33	33	31.24	31.83	98.16
Grade 7b	10	13	23	23	19.99	20.68	96.94
Grade 7a	9	14	23	23	21.08	21.61	97.57
Grade 6	15	17	32	32	29.48	30.28	97.35
Grade 5b	11	7	18	18	15.78	16.26	96.48
Grade 5a	23	17	40	40	25.98	26.66	97.44
Grade 4b	13	10	23	23	21.02	21.53	99.61
Grade 4a	11	11	22	25	23.05	23.80	96.86
Grade 3	21	15	36	37	33.86	34.91	96.99
Grade 2	9	16	25	25	22.69	24.06	95.50
Grade 1	24	22	46	34	31.68	33.41	93.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>275.85</b>	<b>285.03</b>	<b>96.90**</b>

\*\*An Average

# Statistics from School Registers (Continued)

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
<b>Eastford Rd.</b>							
Grade 8	15	11	26	26	20.91	21.76	96.14
Grade 7	12	16	28	28	26.26	27.10	96.80
Grade 6	9	13	22	22	21.25	21.96	96.75
Grade 5	18	15	33	36	32.90	34.57	95.18
Grade 4	17	20	37	38	32.31	34.70	93.12
Grade 3	17	17	34	35	31.93	33.86	94.32
Grade 2b	12	12	24	24	20.97	22.97	91.27
Grade 2a	14	9	23	24	21.45	23.03	93.13
Grade 1	22	23	45	43	23.43	25.99	90.13
Total	136	136	272	276	231.41	245.94	94.09**
<b>Marcy St.</b>							
Grade 8	7	13	20	25	20.57	21.48	95.76
Grade 7	9	9	18	18	17.17	18.00	95.43
Grade 6	15	17	32	32	29.54	30.40	97.17
Grade 5	23	11	34	36	27.64	28.77	94.15
Grade 4	9	12	21	23	21.06	22.31	96.84
Grade 3	22	14	37	37	31.37	33.32	94.45
Grade 2	19	14	33	35	30.24	34.58	92.28
Grade 1	28	22	50	53	32.98	35.58	92.69
Total	132	112	245	259	210.57	224.44	94.84**
<b>West St.</b>							
Grade 8	7	16	23	23	21.41	22.41	95.53
Grade 7	12	11	23	23	22.20	22.99	96.09
Grade 6b	10	13	23	24	22.24	23.30	95.47
Grade 6a	12	12	24	23	20.15	21.15	95.30
Grade 5	22	17	39	40	38.20	39.48	96.75
Grade 4	19	19	38	39	36.27	37.48	96.77
Grade 3	18	20	38	37	35.21	36.97	95.35
Grade 2	18	16	34	35	31.50	33.97	92.73
Grade 1	18	14	32	35	31.38	34.21	91.77
Total	136	138	274	279	258.56	271.96	95.08**
<b>River St.</b>							
Grades 1 & 2	21	11	32	30	27.64	29.74	93.11
Special Class	13		13	13	8.24	8.90	92.48
Ungraded	7	13	20	21	10.61	11.12	95.42
Ungraded	11		11	12	9.20	9.70	94.82
Total	52	24	76	76	55.69	59.46	93.95**
<b>Marcy St.</b>							
Manual Arts	19		19	25	15.85	17.71	89.54

\*\*An Average

**ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE**  
**September 1948—June 1949 (Girls)**

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I	35	57	2														94
II		14	48	3		2											67
III			18	32	8	4	2										64
IV				19	35	9	4	4									71
V					20	26	12	7	1	1							67
VI						21	26	12	8	1	2						70
VII							12	23	13	10	5						63
VIII								12	25	13	4						54
IX									18	37	18	5					78
X										17	42	13					72
XI											18	37	7	1	1		64
XII												9	36	11	6		62
Mary E. Wells P. G. River St.														2	1		3
Ungraded			1		1	1	1	2	3	3	2						14
Total	35	71	69	54	64	63	57	60	68	82	91	64	43	14	8		843

**ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE**  
**September 1948—June 1949 (Boys)**

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I	23	66	10	1													100
II		20	51	9	2	1											83
III			12	35	25	3	1	1									77
IV				7	27	20	9	6									69
V					13	55	11	12	4	3							98
VI						7	21	15	13	4	1						61
VII						1	9	18	15	8	1						52
VIII								6	20	7	9	2	1				45
IX									11	26	13	5	1				56
X									2	10	22	8	2				44
XI											5	25	10	1			41
XII											1	13	28	9	2	1	54
Marcy St. M. A.									2	10	5	2					19
Mary E. Wells P. G.													1		1	1	3
Mary E. Wells Specials															1	1	2
River St. Ungraded						2	4	2	6	6	7	3					30
Total	23	86	73	52	67	89	55	60	73	74	64	58	43	10	4	3	834

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

### Separations

January—Resigned—Marjorie Nichols.....	Elementary School Supervisor
February—Resigned—Dorothy Locke.....	Charlton St. School
June—Retired—Mabel Chamberlain.....	Marcy St. School
June—Resigned—Alice Sullivan.....	Charlton St. School
August—Resigned—Mario Pellegrini.....	Cole Trade High School
August—Resigned—William V. Delaney.....	Cole Tr. H. School
August—Separation—Robert B. Phipps.....	Director of Guidance
August—Separation—Clark H. Morrell.....	Director, Cole Trade High School
August—Separation—M. Elsie Hachey.....	Marcy St. School
August—Separation—Robert B. Wilkie.....	Marcy St. School
September—Leave of Absence—Clara M. Reed .....	River St. School
October—Resigned—Leo Grenier .....	Cole Tr. High School

### Appointments

March—Claire A. Kirk .....	Charlton St. School
September—Paul A. Duhart .....	Mary E. Wells High School
September—A. Kathleen Eddy .....	Mechanic St. School
September—Marjorie Grape .....	Mechanic St. School
September—Alice Wixted Dion*.....	Marcy St. School
September—Edward Desroches.....	Mary E. Wells High School
September—Marie Louise Serleto.....	Eastford Rd. School
September—Eugene Remian†.....	Cole Tr. High School
September—Peter F. Merenda.....	Director of Guidance
October—Raymond Benoit.....	Director, Cole Tr. High School

\*Termination of Leave of Absence.

†Substitute Teacher.

## CORPS OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1950

(The name, date of appointment, position held and training for position, appear in that order.)

(Code letters and characters denote the following: (a) Bachelor's Degree; (b) Master's Degree; (c) Graduate Work; (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience; \*On Leave of Absence.)

William L. Bourgeois, A.B., M.A.; 1946; Superintendent; Assumption College (a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Harvard (c), University of Paris, France (c), University of Connecticut (c).

Peter F. Merenda, B.S., M.Ed.; 1949; Director of Guidance and Placement; Tufts College (a), Tufts College Graduate School (b), Harvard Graduate School of Education (c).

Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B., M.A.; 1938; Director of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Director in Elementary Schools; Tufts College (a) (b), Boston University (c), University of Connecticut (c).

Claude D. Lacouture, B.S., Ed.; 1948; Industrial Arts; Fitchburg Teachers College (a).

Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B., B. Music; 1947; Music Supervisor; Wells College (a), New York U. (c), Schola Cantorum, Paris (c), Surette School (c), Christiansen School (c), Diller Quaile School (c).

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1940; Director of Americanization; Fitchburg Teachers College (a), B. U. (b), Boston Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester Teachers College, Columbia University, Hyannis T. C. (c), Extension Courses (c).

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director; Clark (a).

Elsie A. Hofstra; 1933; Secretary to Superintendent; Becker's Business College.

### Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson, B.S., M.Ed.; 1937; Principal; Boston University (a) (b) (c), Harvard (c), Mass. Extension Service (c), Rhode Island College of Education (c).

Nora B. Adams; 1947; Secretary to Principal; Mary E. Wells High School.

Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.; 1921; Commercial, Treasurer of Student Activities Funds; Boston University (a) (c).

Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S., Ed.; 1935; English; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c).

Kathryn Beauregard, A.B., M.A.; 1922; French, Spanish; Middlebury (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Claire Birtz; 1937; Art; Worcester School of Art, Boston University.

Rose Brodeur, B.S.; 1939; French, Social Studies, Dramatic Club; Boston University (a) (c), N. Y. University (c), Middlebury (c).

Constance Coderre, B.S.; 1929; Commercial, Student Council; Simmons (a), Boston University (c), Columbia (c).

Luise B. Corbin; 1923; Home Economics, Junior Red Cross; Fitchburg T. C., Wheaton, Simmons.

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director, Biology, Coach; Clark (a).

Paul A. Duhart, B.S.Ed.; 1949; Salesmanship, Civics, Law, Coach; Boston University (a).

Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B., M.Ed.; 1926; English, Crimson and Gray; Radcliffe (a), Boston University (b).

C. Estelle Hefner, Ph.B.; 1933; Latin; Brown University (a), Boston University (c).

Persis F. Howe, B.S.Ed.; 1930; Commercial, Crimson and Gray Business Adviser; Salem T. C. (a), Columbia (c), Clark (c).

Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S.Ed.; 1940, Home Economics; Framingham T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (c), Lesley College.

Eino Laakso, A.B., M.A.; 1945; Algebra, Math., Chemistry, Coach; Clark (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Arthur D. Lane, B.S.Ed., M.Ed., M.A.; 1948; Social Studies, Coach, Fitchburg T. C. (a) (b), Clark (c).

Cecile P. LeClair, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1936; English, Dean of Girls; Worcester T. C. (a), Columbia (b) (c).

Harry J. McMahon, Ph.B., M.Ed.; 1926; Chemistry, Physics, Director of Athletics in High School; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (b), Harvard (c).

Flora Tait, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1939; English, Talent Show; Framingham T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Cornell (c), Queen's University, Canada (c).

Libby J. Themistocles, A.B.; 1946; English, History, Science, Coach; Emmanuel (a), Columbia (c), Harvard (c).

Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.; 1927; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Lindzay Varnam, B.S.; 1943; Geometry, Algebra; Colby (a), Boston University (c).

Elsie Wanerka, B.S.Ed.; 1945; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a).

John E. Welch, B.S.; 1948; Mathematics, Science, Coach; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c).

### **Cole Trade High School**

Raymond L. W. Benoit, B.S. in Engineering, M.Ed.; 1949; Director; Northeastern University (a), Springfield College (b), Harvard (c), Yale (c).

Margaret R. Connolly; 1922; Secretary to Director; N. E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, U. of Maine.

Maureen A. Baybutt; 1946; Clerk; Feener Business School, University of Maine.

Harold A. Andrews; 1941; Painting and Decorating (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, Wentworth Institute; Fitchburg T. C.

John L. Benson; 1942; Drafting (d); Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.

George H. Braman; 1938; Mathematics and Trade Drawing (d); Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.

Francis E. Couture; 1945; Electrical (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W. P. I.

Walter J. Glondek; 1938; Applied Science, Physics; Cole Trade, Fitchburg T. C., Clark, Worcester Junior College.

Ernest Hall; 1926; Industrial Printing (d); Southbridge H. S.

Nels H. Johnson; 1937; Cooperative Machine Shop (d); General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T. C., Northeastern.

William A. Julien, A.B.; 1945; Mathematics, History, Economics; Manhattan College (a), Columbia (c), Boston University (c).

Emery A. Lavallee; 1926; Guidance and Supervision, Building Maintenance Officer; Fitchburg T. C., Southbridge Industrial, M. E. Wells High, Draftsman (d), W. P. I.

William Nickerson; 1941; General Vocational, Wood Cabinet-making (d); Norwich University, Fitchburg T. C.

William Paul; 1942; General Vocational, Machine; Lowell Institute, Fitchburg, T. C.

Eugene J. Remian, B.S.Ed.; 1949; Academic Instructor; Holy Cross College (a), Boston University (c).

Frank P. Skinyon, B.S.Ed.; 1934; Cabinet, Pattern-making (d); Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Lawrence Swenson; 1932; Related Science and Mathematics; Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C., Boston University, Machinist (d), Drafting (d).

### **Charlton Street School**

R. Joseph Racine, A.B., M.Ed.; 1944; Principal, Physical Ed.; Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern University (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c).

Elizabeth Curtis, A.B., B.S. in Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Boston University (a), Salem T. C. (a), Harvard University (c).

T. Thomas Finnerty, A.B., M.A.; 1948; Grade 6, Departmental English; Boston College (a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Boston University School of Education (c), University Extension (c), Harvard University (c).

Helen Golden; 1948; Grade 3; Our Lady of the Elms, Hyannis Summer School.

Irene V. Gough; 1914; Departmental Social Studies, Music; Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension.

Gladys W. Howes, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Grade 1; Washington State Normal, Farmington State T. C., Colby College, Wittenberg College, Springfield, O., University of Maine (a), Boston University (c).

Ruth Mahan; 1948; Grade 1; Worcester State T. C., Columbia University.

Josette A. Maynard; 1948; Grade 5b; College of Our Lady of the Elms (a).

Marie J. Saunders; 1924; Departmental Arithmetic, Art, Science; Teachers College West Chester, Pa., Extension Courses, B. U. Extension Courses, Worcester State T. C., B. U. Summer School.

Florida Tarquinio, B.S.Ed.; 1942; Grade 5a, Worcester State T. C. (a), Clark U. (c).

Mary V. Thornton; 1948; Grade 2; Hyannis State T. C. (a), Boston University School of Ed. (c).

### **Eastford Road School**

Raoul O. Lataille, A.B., M.Ed.; 1939; Principal, Coach; Assumption (a); Boston University (b).

Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.; 1939; Departmental Social Studies, Grades 6, 7 and 8, Science, Grades 7 and 8; Westfield T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (b); University Extension Courses.

Marjorie F. Campbell, B.S.Ed.; 1933; Departmental English, Literature, Spelling; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Simmons, Columbia, Harvard, B. U. (c).

Bertha E. Foley; 1912; Grade 2; Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Ellwood S. Jenness, B.S.; 1948; Grade 5 Departmental Music; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Myrtle B. Jodrey; 1944; Departmental Math. Grades 6, 7, 8, Science Grade 6, Math. Grade 5, Art Grades 6, 7, 8; Fitchburg T. C., University Extension Courses.

Cathryn E. Maxwell; 1945; Grade 1; Lowell T. C.

Bridie F. McSweeney, B.S.Ed.; 1945; Grade 4; Willimantic T. C. (a).

Julia C. Morrill; 1914; Grade 3; St. Joseph's Normal, University Extension Courses.

Ann I. Richardson, B.Ed.; 1948; Grade 3; Plymouth T. C. (a).

Marie E. Serleto; 1949; Grade 1; Lesley College, Hyannis T. C.

### **Marcy Street School**

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed.; M.A.; 1940; Principal, English; Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Boston Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia University, Extension Courses (c), Hyannis T. C. (c).

Camella Dintini, B.S.Ed.; 1940; Grade 4; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c), Harvard (c), University Extension Courses (c).

Alice Wixted Dion; 1926; Grade 5; North Adams T. C., Hyannis T. C., Boston University, Extension Courses.

Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A. in Ed.; 1944; Grade 2; Keene T. C. (a).

Ruth Huson; 1945; Grade 3; Maine State Normal, Hyannis T. C., Boston University, Gorham T. C., Worcester T. C.

Malcolm Nash, B.S.Ed.; 1948, Departmental Reading, Grade 6, Science Grades 6, 7, 8, Coach; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Eva Salviuolo, B.S.Ed.; 1943; Grade 1; Worcester T. C.

Celestine C. Sweet; 1932; Departmental Social Studies, Music Grades 6, 7, 8, and Literature Grade 7; Our Lady of the Elms College, Hyannis T. C., Worcester T. C., Boston University, Extension Courses.

Bertha L. Wallace; 1922; Departmental Mathematics Grade 6, 7, 8, Literature, Art Grade 8; Hyannis T. C., Boston University Extension Courses.

### **Mechanic Street School**

R. Joseph Racine; 1944; Principal; Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern U. (c), Oxford University (c) Harvard University (c).

A. Kathleen Eddy, B.E.; 1949; Kindergarten; New Britain T. C. (a).

Marjorie H. Grape; 1949; Kindergarten; Wheelock, Hyannis Normal, Northfield Seminary, Babson Institute.

Claire A. Kirk; 1949; Grade 2; Bridgewater Normal.

### **River Street School**

Laurenda A. Boyer; 1926; Principal in charge of Grades 1 and 2, in charge of maintenance at River Street School; Boston University, Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Francis A. Beaudette, B.S.; 1948; Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education; Fitchburg T. C. (a).

Freda A. Bisbee; 1947; Grades 1 and 2; Lesley College, Boston Teachers College, Worcester T. C.

Clara M. Reed\*; 1918; Social Studies, Crafts, Sewing, Music; Westfield T. C., Worcester Girls' Trade, University Extension, Boston University, Harvard Extension, Worcester T. C.

Evangeline R. Towse, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Social Studies, Reading, English, Spelling, Crafts, Domestic Science; Boston University (a); Salem T. C., Hyannis T. C., University Extension, Boston University (c).

## West Street School

Laurenda A. Boyer; 1926; Principal, Remedial Reading; Boston University, Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Corinne E. Beaudreau; 1924; Grade 1; University Extension Courses.

Eva A. Casavant, B.S., M.A.; 1933; Departmental Social Studies, Music Grades 6, 7, 8; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark University (b).

Everett H. Holmes, A.B.; 1945; Departmental English, Literature, Spelling Grades 6, 7, 8, Coach; Colby College (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c), University Extension Courses.

Edith M. Randall; 1920; Grade 2; University Extension Courses.

Emily Roberts, B.S.Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Worcester T. C., Hyannis T. C. (a), Clark University (c), University of N. H. (c).

Ruth Sampson; 1930; Grade 5; Westfield T. C., University Extension Courses.

Dorothy M. Sheriffs; 1945; Grade 3; Westfield T. C.

Elinor H. Small, A.B.; 1945; Departmental Mathematics, Science, Grades 6, 7, 8, Art Grades 6, 7; Brown University (a), University Extension Courses.

## Janitors

Name	App't.	School
Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Philius Caron	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Valmore Favreau	1947	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street School
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Eugene Tetreault	1949	River Street School

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my thirteenth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1949-1950 is divided as follows: Seniors—99, Juniors—104, Sophomores—122, Freshmen—139, Veterans and Specials working for diplomas—3, Post-Graduates—2, making a total of 469 pupils.

### PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial and Social Arts.

One hundred and eighteen pupils were graduated on June 22, 1949, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report, for the information of interested citizens.

#### Class of 1949—Academic

*Phyllis Ina Agard	*Ann Marie Flynn
*Marjorie Sybil Anderson	*Jacqueline Gaucher
*Mary Elizabeth Bachand	*Robert Ethel Gibb
Stuart Leroy Barr	*Arlene Joyce Goodwin
*Norma Winifred Beck	*Joan Miriam Hill
*Alden Holden Bennett	Sally Ann Jackson
*Richard Kent Blair	*Donald Raymond Julian
Mary Irene Boudreau	*Warren Emerson Kingsbury
*Pauline Ann Bouvier	*Nancy Anne Knight
*Russell Ovide Briere	*Robert Philbert LaFleche
*Ruth Ardell Butterworth	*Florence Marie LaReau
Philius Caron, Jr.	*Nita Noella LaRochelle
*William Joseph Coderre	Roland John Lavallee, Jr.
*Robert Byron Craig	*Ernest Emile LeBoeuf
Nancy Joan Deignan	Vivianne Lucille Lippe
*Vincent Eustachio DelVecchio	Jacqueline Lewis Lucier
Jane Louise Demers	Ralph Joseph Marcelli
Leo Edward Desaulniers	*Josephine Ann McKinstry
*Harry Donald Desrosiers	*Pauline Exena Metras

\*Irene Montigny  
 \*Anthony Robert Orsini  
 \*Steve Charles Pappas  
 \*Alice Helen Paulhus  
 †Norman Leo Paulhus  
 \*Prudence Pauline Peloquin  
 \*Beverly Doris Prahm  
 \*Shirley Lois Prahm  
 \*Marilynne Dorothy Sheriffs

\*Marcia Chilson Small  
 \*Norman Richard St. Martin  
 \*Pauline Lucille St. Onge  
 Lucy Ann Suprenant  
 Norman Adelard Tetreault  
 \*Lucille Jeanne Trudeau  
 \*David Lindzay Varnam  
 \*Cynthia Jane Wescott

### Commercial

\*Caroline Helen Allard  
 \*Phyllis Mary Ann Badorek  
 \*Roger William Beaudry  
 \*Yvette Rita Boudreau  
 Helen Victoria Checka  
 \*Aphrodite Helen Costa  
 \*Edward William Dziura  
 \*Robert Ellis Freeland  
 \*Pauline Anita Gregoire  
 Maureen Joy Heaton  
 \*Phyllis Winifred Horne  
 \*Constance Edna Jacob  
 Carolyn Sybil Lawrence  
 \*Edward Jeffery Leduc  
 \*Pauline Elise Martin

\*Joyce Wilmar O'Claire  
 \*Dorothy Theresa Osowski  
 \*Claire Phyllis Peloquin  
 \*Margaret Ann Prince  
 Barbara Merle Richards  
 †Milton Edward Ross  
 \*Sally Camilla Rymarz  
 \*Barbara Mary Saint Martin  
 \*Florence Nancy Swiatek  
 \*Barbara Evelyn Swirbliss  
 \*Emily Theodoss  
 \*Regina Helen Travinski  
 \*Jeanne Yvonne Tremblay  
 \*Nancy Louise Tremblay  
 Stephen Thomas Ziu

### Social Arts

Olympia Apostola  
 Theodore Peter Athanas  
 Emilio John Bartoli  
 Donato David Bernadone  
 Donald Edward Boiteau  
 Barbara Irene Boksa  
 James Willard Brackett  
 Albert Rudolph Brouillette  
 Henry Bushe  
 Flora Barclay Caves  
 Gordon Edward Chamberlin  
 \*Robert Stephen Cuikay  
 Richard Edgar Desmarais  
 James DiFederico  
 Laurence Everett Harwood  
 †Donald Walter Johnson

Edward John Kornasky  
 George Bedford Lawrence  
 Priscilla Jeannette LeBlanc  
 \*Robert Edwin Lundstrom  
 \*William Genereux Lusignan  
 Dora Marko  
 Ralph Victor Miller, Jr.  
 Richard Brown Morse  
 Walter Joseph Pontbriand  
 Donald Roy Provost  
 \*Richard Xavier Richer  
 \*George Rutcho  
 Ian Soutar  
 William Devlin Spinney  
 Robert Hamilton Stewart  
 Louis Harry Theodoss  
 Warren Ralph Thompson

\*General average of 80% or above for four years.

†Veterans of World War II.

‡Veterans having an average of 80% or above.

The Commercial Cooperative program was dropped from the curriculum during the past year. Changing economic conditions were responsible for the elimination of this program.

The Inter-School program is being revised at the present time. All boys taking a vocational or trade course in this program will be eligible for all high school athletic teams.

The Guidance Department has been restored to a full-time basis with a Dean of Girls and with a Veterans' Adviser aiding the Director of Guidance in his program.

Two new courses were added during the year; namely, a Human Relations course under the direction of the Dean of Girls, and a Health and Safety program under the direction of Mr. Lewis Kyrios. The Health and Safety program is described in detail in Mr. Kyrios' report on Health and Safety.

The Human Relations course endeavors to prepare high school freshmen for healthful growth in living and adjusting to others. Through a series of planned discussions and assignments, it fosters a sound understanding of how to meet personal and behavior problems and thus leads the student to a better insight into his own actions and into personality development generally.

A third new course is contemplated in the near future to meet the new State law which requires the teaching of local and State government.

The Mary E. Wells High School Band has continued to function under the sponsorship of the local Rotary Club and has performed at many special occasions both in and out of town. The band is very ably directed by Mr. Paul Sweet.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of the young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.

2. That a library be started, and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
3. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
4. That rooms be provided for sick pupils and larger nurse's quarters be installed.
5. That the Household Arts Department be renovated and modern equipment installed as soon as purchase of same is feasible.
6. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.
7. That a course in Driver Education be set up under the supervision of the State Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Safety.
8. That a men's teachers' room be set up and proper furniture provided for the room.
9. That the high school principal's office be remodelled to allow for a central office, a private office for the Principal, and an office for the Dean of Girls, with a private conference room.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal,  
Mary E. Wells High School.

## **REPORT OF THE FACULTY DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS IN MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Immediately after the opening of school, the sports program of the Athletic Association gets under way.

The football and cross-country schedules run concurrently through the fall season. However, the football season lasts about twelve weeks, finishing on Thanksgiving Day, whereas the cross-country season is usually terminated on Armistice Day.

During the winter season, which runs officially from December 15th to March 15th, there are three distinct groups engaged in basketball. These groups are known as (1) the boys' Varsity group, from which the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are chosen, the latter team playing the preliminary game to main attraction; (2) the girls' Varsity with its companion, the Junior Varsity, and finally (3) the Freshman group, which furnishes players for its competing teams, Varsity and Junior Varsity. The Freshmen also engage in a number of contests in the Twi-State League. Six schools are represented in this league, ten games being played.

During the spring season, there are two baseball groups, Varsity and Junior Varsity; a track and field group, and also a girls' softball group.

These activities have run their course by early June and, at this time, all activity ceases until the September opening of another school year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY J. McMAHON,  
Faculty Director of Athletics.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the annual report of the activities of the guidance department is hereby respectfully submitted. This report covers the thirteen-week period from September 23 to December 31, 1949.

### REORGANIZATION

One of the primary functions of an administrator is that of organization. In view of this, the first major activity of this department concerned itself with the problem of reorganization. Old files were reorganized and new files were set up. Files of Occupational Information were developed in accordance with a usable filing scheme and placed in a file cabinet. "Career" bookshelves were organized and now provide students with the means of obtaining information pertaining to specific careers and careers in general. A "Vocations" library has been established, and here the students may obtain for home use such books as pertain to topics concerning the selection of and methods of discovering opportunities in vocations, the ways and

means of finding a job, the methods of adequate adjustment, and descriptions of specific vocations. In addition, a professional library in guidance has been developed for the use of teachers. An inventory of the test library was taken and copies of tests were filed according to their nature and use. Also, specimen copies, manuals, and scoring keys have been placed in a locked file cabinet. At present, all remaining files are being organized in a nationally accepted filing system. All copies of college catalogues and bulletins and scholarship information of the leading professional and non-professional post-secondary schools have been requested and filed, and our name placed on current mailing lists for future issues.

The guidance room has been separated into two distinct areas: one a workshop where all the sources of information and study stations are concentrated, and the other an office section where interviews are held, and other work by the personnel concerned accomplished. As soon as the proposed partitions are constructed, the room will be physically divided, thus affording the privacy which is essential for effective individual counseling.

The final step in organization was the publication of the Aims, Objectives, and Specific Functions of the Guidance Program in the Mary E. Wells High School. This was a necessary tool which would give direction to the program. After proper approval by the Superintendent of Schools, copies were distributed to all of the pupils in the high school, members of the School Committee, teachers, and administrators. It is hoped that, in the near future, when the efforts of this department are further coordinated with the Cole Trade High School and the elementary schools, that a more inclusive set of objectives will be developed.

### SELF-APPRAISAL

A major and primary aspect of a well-developed guidance program concerns itself with the methods of providing each pupil with the means of self-appraisal. This implies the development and use of adequate records. In this respect, a cumulative record folder is kept on file for each student. While these records meet this need quite adequately, it is, nevertheless, felt that they are more administrative in nature than guidance-type. It is hoped that a specific guidance-type record will be developed eventually from each individual's cumulative folder and kept on file in the director's office.

### TESTING

Also included in this phase of guidance is testing. The scope of this program is designed to include the measurement

of individual mental abilities or scholastic aptitude which gives a fair estimate of the inherent limits of ability of the pupil to do school work. Tests of achievement constitute another part of the testing program. These tests may be separated into subject achievement tests and achievement batteries. The former are designed to measure the individual achievement in a particular subject-matter course and to compare this performance with that of an unselected national group. It is planned to administer several tests of this type to high school pupils in the early spring particularly for scholarship purposes, but also for individual diagnosis. Tests of the latter type tend to evaluate the individual's total performance with respect to a national norm and indicate a grade level of achievement for each individual subject tested. It is a well-known, but not highly publicized fact, that there is a considerable amount of over-lapping of abilities among the grades. An exceptionally good student in one grade may easily be capable of and actually achieving at a higher level than a poor pupil who is two grades beyond him in placement. A test of this type helps to establish this fact and aids the teacher to meet individual pupil needs. Tests of specific aptitude tend to predict how well a pupil will do in a particular field, if given the opportunity to do so, and thereby serve as an essential counseling tool. These tests prove invaluable as effective screening devices and will be administered whenever transfers from one course to another are requested.

In the thirteen-week period, the entire class of 137 freshmen has been tested with the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, the results of which have been interpreted individually to the pupils and copies of the profile of results along with explanations of interpretation sent home to the parents. A statistical analysis of the results of these tests shows a significant difference in the pattern of educational background for each of the six sources of high school freshmen. The freshman class has also been tested with respect to scholastic aptitude, but these tests have not yet been returned from the scorer. Special tests such as tests of nursing aptitude, mechanical aptitude, and interests have been given to selected students as aids in counseling. Since this department is immediately concerned with the effective screening of pupils with special reference to transfers from one program to another, or one school to another, a total of twenty-nine boys distributed from the Manual Arts Class, River Street, West Street, Marcy Street, St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Cole Trade High, and out-of-town schools have been tested with respect to mechanical aptitude, academic achievement, and mental ability, and recommendations made accordingly for entrance or denial of entrance to the various programs requested. The criteria upon which selection for entrance to the various programs is based as follows:

### **Manual Arts**

Mechanical Aptitude, upper 50% nationally; Academic Achievement, Grade 4 to Grade 6.5; Mental Ability, within 3.0 years of normal mental age.

### **General Vocational**

Mechanical Aptitude, upper 65% nationally; Academic Achievement, Grade 7 to Grade 9; Mental Ability, within 2 years of normal mental age.

### **Cole Trade High**

Mechanical Aptitude, upper 75% nationally; Academic Achievement, Grade 10 to Grade 12; Mental Ability, within 1.5 years of normal mental age.

It is planned that in the spring the testing program will be further extended to include special testing in the upper levels of high school, and extensive testing in the upper levels of grammar school with particular emphasis on the correlation of these test results with other data in assisting the pupil toward wise course selection.

## **PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL SERVICES**

Another essential element of the guidance program has to do with the accumulation and dissemination of both occupational and educational information, and provisions for orientation activities. In addition to the provisions described in paragraph #1 of this report, an effort has been made to provide a series of informational talks, movies, and field trips. In this regard, the department has to date sponsored talks and movies to interested juniors and seniors on such topics as: "The United States Coast Guard Academy," "The Naval R. O. T. C. Scholarships," "The Offerings of Nasson College," "The Place and Functions of Business Schools"—including a specific description of the Salter School, and an added talk on the Fisher School. Also, a group of ten girls in the senior class visited the Fisher School as guests of President Sanford Fisher. More talks, movies, and trips are planned for the coming year. In fact, three talks are already planned for January, as are five field trips and speakers for a "career day."

## **COUNSELING**

The core of a worth-while guidance program finds itself in the type of counseling services it provides, including both group-counseling techniques and individual interviews. At present, we, in the guidance department, find ourselves handicapped in this work in two respects: the lack of adequate coun-

selling time and the present limited facilities which enable us to secure privacy only by restricting the use of the room during the period of the interview. However, with the construction of the private cubicles being an imminent reality and with consideration for more counseling time for the Dean of Girls who, at present, can devote but eight periods per week to guidance, the department hopes to have provided each student in the high school with the opportunity for at least one interview by the end of the school year, and each eighth grader with at least one group discussion, supplemented by individual interviews, if possible, concerning the selection of major courses of study and individual subjects for the coming year.

A record of each interview is kept, and at present the average counseling load ranges between 35 and 40 pupils per week. This number includes many repeaters. The interviews range from five minutes to one hour depending upon the nature and severity of the problem. The nature of the counseling can be divided into three main types: (1) diagnosis, (2) therapy, and (3) referral. The severeness ranges all the way from no problem, but mere seeking of information or registration for employment, to extremely involved problems with psychological deviation implications requiring immediate professional attention. These latter are referred to the school nurse for further referral to the proper agencies concerned. However, the majority of the present counseling interviews are concerned with pupil failures, change of programs, and educational and vocational planning.

## COORDINATION AND USE OF REFERRAL SOURCES

A fourth major area of guidance services develops from the coordination with and use of referral sources. It is within the scope of this function that the guidance department concerns itself with placement. With respect to full-time placement, outside of making personal contacts with prospective employers, attending open meetings of the Personnel Director's Association, and the placement of two 1949 graduates, not much has been accomplished. However, with respect to part-time employment, a complete up-to-date registration file is maintained. At present, 116 high school pupils are actively employed in part-time positions, while 196 are registered for such employment. Efforts are continually being made to find employment for the currently unemployed. A good source of employment during the "Christmas Rush Season" has always been the local stores. However, this year, due to unforeseen circumstances, it was possible to place only fourteen students, in addition to the currently employed, for the Christmas Season.

In keeping with this phase of guidance, an effort is being made to coordinate the efforts of this department with those of the teachers, administrators, and members of other departments who may contribute to or receive benefit from the services provided by the guidance department. During the past three months, the main emphasis on coordination has been with the Cole Trade High School, Industrial Arts, and Manual Arts Programs because it was felt to be an immediate necessity in view of the proposed program of the new Trade High School Director. With the coming of the new year, it is planned to reactivate the Guidance Council organized by the Superintendent in May, 1948, on which will be represented all of the schools and departments in the system in an effort to coordinate and integrate the particular activities of each department with the other and make for the better future total development of the individual pupil.

### RESEARCH AND STAFF ASSISTANCE

A fifth and final area included in the scope of guidance services provides for research and staff assistance. In the light of these special services, the guidance department is currently developing a pupil follow-up form to be sent to all graduates and "drop-outs" in order to determine what happens to pupils who leave school, to what extent they feel that the school did or did not meet their needs and what pertinent suggestions they have to make, how they would evaluate the present guidance program, etc. In the light of these results, we can then make modifications and revisions to the current services available in the guidance field and offerings in the curriculum with reasonably valid justification.

Some research is being conducted with special reference to present-day college entrance requirements, particularly with respect to foreign languages. Also the department is working on a project which will provide college preparatory students with a one-page synopsis of the important and relevant data concerning each post-secondary professional school. In addition, students in both the academic and commercial departments are provided with the means of gaining effective experiences by working in the guidance office, including a plan for the future coordination with the commercial department in providing a work-experience program in office work for commercial course seniors. A research project in the form of a community occupational survey is contemplated in the spring. Also, the director is currently engaged in a research project at Harvard University in the form of a seminar composed of guidance directors, personnel officers, college professors, and psychologists in an effort to evaluate present-day guidance practices and to determine the scope of guidance services.

On November 22, Mr. Warren E. Benson, State Supervisor of Guidance and Placement visited this department for the purpose of evaluating the present program in the light of meeting the state requirements for approval and reimbursement. He had but three suggestions to make. All three of these have been included in this report and pertain briefly to: (1) Additional counseling time, (2) more adequate guidance-type records, and (3) an annual follow-up study.

The guidance department is grateful for the splendid cooperation of all those who have contributed to the reorganization and development of the present guidance program, and particularly to Mr. Robertson who has been most cooperative and generous in granting the requests of the department for time, space, and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. MERENDA, Director,  
Guidance and Placement.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the following report of my work which covers the period from the opening of school in September to December 31, 1949.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The general function of our Physical Education program is to assist in providing a medium for the normal growth and natural development of each pupil. The basic aims and objectives are the same as those of education in general, for the total process of education must be considered in providing a program of education for the proper development of the child.

Our Physical Education Program emphasizes perhaps to a greater extent than other fields such phases of education as the Physical, the Social, the Emotional, and the Recreational development of each pupil; there are also certain very important responsibilities for the intellectual development of pupils in the Physical Education Program. The specific responsibilities of physical education will, at all times, harmonize with the total process of education.

One of the primary functions of physical education is to develop each individual to his greatest possible physical capacity within the range of accepted educational objectives. This implies development in skill and ability as well as organic development.

The social objective is another important function of physical education. Experience has shown that the kind of associations found in competitive physical activities is very helpful in securing durable social adjustment to school life. Pupils learn to understand each other better through the informal work provided in physical education.

The growing emphasis on emotions in education in recent years has served to reassure physical educators in their long-held belief that proper emotional development is an important objective in the schools. The nature of physical activities involved in our Physical Education Program gives the pupils an opportunity to secure desirable results in emotional development.

It is the duty of the schools to assume a large share of the responsibilities in training pupils to make intelligent use of leisure time. Our program is constructed with both the present and future recreational needs of the pupils in mind. Our program activities are fundamental to physical development and basic to recreation.

In physical education there is a unique opportunity to develop citizenship through putting principles into actual practice. We know behavior is conditioned by actual practice in the proper situation. Loyalty, cooperation, and teamwork is encouraged. Since a large part of our Physical Education Program involves participation in activities, it is conclusive to the development of a well-rounded individual. This balance contributes to desirable and effective citizenship.

Our present Physical Education Program involves over four hundred pupils, participating in regular physical education classes. All the boys and girls, in grades seven and eight in our Elementary schools, have two periods of physical education each week. The boys in the Manual Training classes have two periods each week. Boys and girls in our "Opportunity School," River Street, have two periods each of physical education every week. A Physical Education Program, now being developed under the supervision of the Director of our Trade School, will assure two hours of physical education each week for all Trade School students.

A typical Physical Education Program comprises the following: Calisthenics, Formal Activities, Games and Relays, Recreational Sports.

The curriculum is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of the students.

All students participating in this program have been examined by the School Physician and School Nurse. The sugges-

tions and recommendations of the school Health Service Department are being carried out.

My teaching program includes 29 periods per week. Twenty-four are used for instruction in physical education and the other five are used for classroom instruction in Health at the High School.

## THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

The reasons for Health Education may be summarized in outline:

I.—The individual is increasingly the object of attention by those concerned both with public health and with education.

II.—Children need training and instruction in healthful living for:

1. Present health practices are poor as evidenced by "Draft data and other medical records, observations concerning the spread of communicable diseases, the increase in organic and nervous diseases and the development of physical defects during childhood.
2. Some elements in modern complex civilization are unhygienic.
3. The traditional attitude toward disease is unsound.
4. Pupils have insufficient health knowledge.

III.—Habits affect health as shown by

1. Sanitarium treatment for tuberculosis.
2. Athletic training.
3. The results of improvement in diet and other conditions.

IV.—The Public School can improve habits, for

1. Youth is the time of habit formation.
2. The school can supplement the home acceptably in health training.
3. The school can reach the whole population.
4. Health education has been proved to be practicable and successful.

The objectives of our School Health Program are as follows:

1. The reduction of communicable disease.
2. The development of healthful school living.
3. The development of health knowledge.

4. The development and maintenance of desirable health habits.
5. The interpretation of the school health program in home and school cooperation.
6. The development of desirable mental attitude toward health, health practices, and life situations.

## **Safety**

Safety is a health program, a problem of "life and limb." The school's responsibility for the health and welfare of the child certainly includes accident prevention and safety education.

During 1946, one out of every three children who died was killed in an accident. One out of every thirteen men, women and children in the United States had an accident resulting in a somewhat disabling injury. Over 370,000 of these individuals suffered permanent impairment. The 1946 economic loss from accidents is slightly greater than all governmental expenditures—including all grants in aid, operating costs, and retirement of debt—by all the individual states in 1944. There are, roughly, 100,000 deaths and 10,000,000 injuries from accidents in the United States each year.

The objectives of the Safety Education Program are as follows:

1. The development of individual and group safety consciousness.
2. Prevention of accidents in the schools.
3. The elimination of hazards in the schools.
4. The development of wholesome attitudes, habits, and practices pertaining to safety.
5. The development of individual and group responsibility for safety.
6. To impart knowledge for an understanding of the environmental hazards in the modern industrial world.
7. To impart knowledge for an understanding of the methods of safe conduct in the ordinary activities of life.
8. To teach the relationship of safety to individual and group progress.

My duties as Director of Health and Physical Education are as follows:

1. To develop a strong health education curriculum.

2. To aid the teachers in developing health education and in measuring results.
3. To coordinate the work of the teachers with that of the Health Services so that there shall be more interpretation in both the direct and indirect health learnings of the pupils.
4. To establish healthful relationships between health education in the school and in the community.
5. To help utilize the school physicians' services to the best advantage.

This year a Health and Safety course has been added for grades 7 and 8. All students in these grades are taking the course. A new course called "Health and Safety" has been added to the High School Curriculum. This course is given to all Juniors and is carried out according to the wishes of the State Department of Education. The course is taught by the Director of Health and Physical Education. Approximately 90 students are taking the course once a week.

## THE AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The objectives of the After-School Athletic Program are as follows:

1. To provide opportunities for participation in some recreational activity.
2. To provide opportunities for the development of qualities of leadership in both boys and girls.
3. To establish a natural coordination between formal classroom teaching and informal school activities.
4. To provide additional opportunities for pupils to develop physically, socially, and emotionally.
5. To provide the opportunity to develop the fundamental skills in activities.
6. To teach sportsmanship in relations with the individual and the group.

An Athletic Manual has been written by the Director of Physical Education to serve as a guide to all students participating in the program so as to coordinate the proper physical development with an efficient academic program. The After-School Athletic Program has two distinct phases: The sports program and the intramural program. In the sports program, two leagues have been formed—the Junior Trade League and

the Junior High League. The Junior Trade League is composed of River Street, Manual Arts, General Vocational, sections A and B. Football (touch), basketball, and baseball are the sports played. The Junior High League is composed of the four elementary schools. The sports offered are football (touch), basketball (boys and girls), baseball and girls' softball. All games are played after school hours and are strictly supervised.

The intramural activities are sponsored for pupils in Grades IV, V, and VI, in all the elementary schools. Activities offered are basketball (boys and girls), boys' softball and dodgeball for girls. Coaches have been appointed so as to assure proper supervision.

During the past football season, the teams completed a 24-game schedule, with Charlton Street School winning in the Junior High League, and Section B winning the Junior Trade League. Over 125 pupils participated without a single injury.

Our basketball schedule will include 66 games and over 200 boys and girls will participate. Our intramural basketball program in all schools will attract over 100 students.

My duties as coordinator of elementary athletics are as follows:

1. To carry out the policies and program established by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. To assist the Superintendent in formulating programs and conducting surveys.
3. To coordinate all activities with the Health Service Department and the Principals.
4. To make out all activity schedules.
5. To establish and maintain a central athletic supply department.
6. To aid the coaches in securing the best possible results in their activities.

All participants in the After-School Athletic Program have been examined by the School Physician and School Nurse.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Principals, the School Health Services, and the School Department for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing the Physical Education, the Health and Safety, and the After-School Athletic Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director,  
Health and Physical Education.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I submit herewith a first report to cover the period from mid-October to December 31, 1949.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	Coop.	Day	Tot.
In school at end of the year (Dec. 1949) .....	15	171	186
Graduated .....	26	10	36
Certificated .....		2	2
Entering Industry trained for .....	1	4	5
Entering other occupation .....	2	46	48
Armed Service .....			
Unfit for trade subjects .....		6	6
Returned to Grammar or High School .....		11	11
Entering other schools .....		3	3
Left because of illness .....	1	9	10
Left town .....		4	4
Transferred to Coop. School .....		14	14
Transferred to Day School .....	18		18
Total membership for the year 1949 .....	63	280	343
Enrolled during year .....	16	138	154

## GRADUATES—TRADE HIGH DIPLOMAS

### Cabinet Course

Edward Joseph Kolodziejczak  
Edwin George Stalec

### Furniture Finishing

Gerard Armand Fournier

### Machine Course

Guy Brown Armstrong  
Michael Belba  
Paul Joseph Boniface  
Henry Francis Boucher, Jr.  
George Francis Butterworth  
Normand George Danis  
Harry Stephen Dimetri  
Felix John Gwozdz  
Michael Francis Mangan  
George Albert Parenteau

Gerard Joseph Roy

Kenneth Allen Smith

### Electrical Course

George Israel Renaud  
Clarence Leo Standrowicz

### Civil Engineering Drafting

Richard Norman Allard  
Robert Francis Para

### Printing Course

Ronald Eugene Aucoin  
Raymond Gerard Lemire

### Sheet Metal

Marc Archile Arsenault  
Steven John Mosio  
Robert Roger Trahan

## VOCATIONAL HIGH DIPLOMAS

### Drafting Course

Leland Barrett Miller

### Electrical Course

Alfred Ernest Marchessault  
Bernard John Milczewski  
Joseph Theodoss

### Machine

Edwin Albert Carvalho

Paul John Snyder

## VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL DIPLOMAS

### Drafting

John Paul Lipski

Arthur William Olson, Jr.  
Rene Phillipe Trahan

## EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Courses	Instructor	No. Enrolled
Cabinetmaking	Frank P. Skinyon .....	13
Drafting	George H. Braman .....	21
Electrical	Francis E. Couture .....	13
Furniture Refinishing	Irving Harding .....	13
Machine	William Paul .....	10
Applied Mathematics	Lawrence Swenson .....	9
Building Estimating and Related Carpentry	William A. Julien .....	12
Plumbing—Related and Apprentice	Antonio Blanchet .....	17

### Reorganization

On October 17, 1949, I reported for duty as Director of the Cole Trade High School. Normal paths of human behavior were followed and much time was spent on reorganization. Reorganization has been delayed considerably because of an immediate situation that required adjustment. The problem concerned was the closing down of the D3M School at the American Optical Company. The American Optical Company had voted to discontinue this school as a measure of economy. The move was to take effect December 1, 1949 but, because of the resignation of a Machine teacher at the Cole Trade High School, the School Committee requested that the immediate closing down of the D3M Shop be considered, whereby the Machine teacher at the American Optical Company could then be made available to the Cole Trade High School. The number of pupils affected in this move created a class larger in number than that allowed by the State Vocational laws. Another problem created was the dire need of additional equipment to serve such a large group and any future groups that would require training to meet industrial needs.

In our reorganization, close cooperation with our full-time Guidance Director was inaugurated. Today all candidates for trade schools are being interviewed and screened by the Guidance Department. All who drop out are being counseled by this same department, to see where trade education has failed to meet their educational needs. In a like manner, all cases of possible failure are being referred to Mr. Merenda, who attempts to discover cause and then suggests methods that might remedy the situation. This is done only after the Trade School faculty has exhausted methods to remedy this situation.

The School Physician and School Nurse have completed physical examination for our junior high section and will concentrate on the senior high next. I am happy to report that we have been able to develop a complete physical record through this hearty cooperation.

In studying trends in Vocational Education in the United States, we have learned that more stress is being placed on a Vocational Technical program. More consideration is being given to the academic and related side of the trade. There is a recognized need for the development of the social side of the boy.

In the trade schools, lack of reading comprehension is prevalent, and this problem is a recognized one throughout the nation. It is suggested that a remedial reading program be started in Southbridge.

### **Educational Considerations**

I believe that the Town of Southbridge should be given the philosophy of the new Director, because one's philosophy is a major control of one's thinking. I believe that a philosophy of education comes from the realm of educational experiences; passes through its refinement in the administration of a school system; is transmitted from the Principal to the teachers, and eventually finds its level in the lives of the pupils. Education is rapidly swinging around to the idea that what citizens need most is not exposure to standard knowledge, but the ability to meet the situations of life. Only those who have this ability have learned somehow to analyze every problem they meet; to find what usable facts are necessary to solve it; to take stock of the usable facts that they already know apply; to get the missing facts. They need to think with these facts in order to arrive at decisions; to use those decisions to make a plan; to execute this plan of meeting the problem; to check up on the results, and to profit by the experience by improving this procedure on the next problem. This is precisely what all real vocational and practical arts education does for pupils, and no other school work, with the possible exception of laboratory work in science,

has any comparable facilities for such training. In preparation, as vocational experiences are made real, the vocational school excels the science laboratory as a training device for teaching thinking, as well as doing.

### **Awards**

At the graduation exercises in June, the Cole Trade Alumni awarded Marc Arsenault a trophy for being the most outstanding student of the graduating class. Bernard Milczewski was awarded the trophy by the Cole Trade Alumni for being the most outstanding athlete of the Graduation Class. These presentations were made by Mr. Arthur Eno, President of the Alumni Association.

### **New Equipment**

I take this opportunity to thank, publicly, members of the American Optical Company who so generously contributed their time and effort in procuring for the Cole Trade High School additional equipment for our Machine Shop. This equipment has saved the Town of Southbridge many thousands of dollars.

I thank my faculty and my office staff for their hearty cooperation in making my duties more simple. I also thank the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee for their sage advice, which every new director must need to meet his problems in a professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, Director,  
Cole Trade High School.

### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

"What we do for the health of our children and youth today will influence the whole world tomorrow."

In a first annual report submitted in 1946, the emphasis then was placed on the physical health of the child with much stress on correction of defects. In 1947, the emphasis was laid on the whole child entirely omitting the word "physical"—which is only one limited conception of the child's health. The child is not a mere bundle of organs but an entity. In 1948, we were considering the total health program on a long-time basis with much stress on the acquisition of desirable attitudes, knowledge, and practices.

This year's activities and achievements reveal that we have been thinking in terms of "health" rather than in terms of "sickness"—of "prevention" rather than "cure." The positive approach to health, which incidentally is the present trend in school health services as accepted by the Massachusetts Public Health Department, seems to have impregnated itself in our program without too much effort on our part—possibly due to the fact that our program was planned on a long-time basis and on all phases of the child's make-up and not only on the physical aspect.

Gradually we have been getting away from the detection of symptoms and defects per se, and have steered toward health guidance for the pupil, the teacher, and the parents. At one time, it was possible for us to evaluate our services by a survey of the number of physical defects corrected. But now the story of the correction of physical defects is no longer the basis for evaluating our school health services to the child. At present, the criteria for evaluating our services are based upon educational totals—the degree of pupil, parent, and community consciousness of personal health and public health as shown by their participation in our school health program. We also find that we are able to use as criteria in our evaluation the medical profession's consciousness of our program as shown by their response, acceptance, contribution and participation. They have gradually become aware of our aims and goals and have done much by interpreting our work, our clinics, our need for necessary information relative to the child's health to parents.

A primary duty of the School Nurse is to cooperate with all health workers as well as all members of the school personnel. No one phase of health work is complete in itself. We must have concerted effort as well as teamwork. Due to the fact that about 50% of the time is spent in making home visits, it would seem that the School Nurse is the person to link the home, the school, and the child—and interpret the child's needs accordingly.

Our present policy in our total health program is based upon the needs of our children. The newer concepts of the core of the curricula in our schools point toward health—physical, mental, emotional, and social. Only through the provision of a healthful environment and continuous health education will we be able to safeguard the child during the critical formative years; therefore, the purpose of our program can be stated as follows:

1. To provide for the child, and all other school personnel, the necessary environment for the development of maximum health—physical, mental, emotional, and social—of which the individual is biologically capable.

The one and only great change in our school health program has taken place in our "home-visit" program. More than twice the usual number of home visits were made this year for various purposes. It is most gratifying to be received gracefully and accepted, however bad our mission may be and find ourselves talking to an "open ear" mother who is most receptive to accept any suggestions and most willing to cooperate and help. In evaluating the results as accomplished, I often feel a sense of defeat. The problems which warrant a home visit are usually of such long duration that improvement and results may not be seen or noted for a long while, and quite often I feel that I am beating my head against a stone wall and have accomplished "next-to-nothing" only to hear from a mother that John's problem is entirely a "thing of the past." I have had to teach myself that in this phase of our program our progress may seem to be very slow, but it is sure and most deserving.

Our usual run of clinics were sponsored in connection with the Board of Health and were well attended. There were three diphtheria toxoid clinics, one Booster-shot clinic, five pre-school registration clinics, and four pre-school physical and dental examination clinics, and twelve chest consultation clinics.

I would like to stress the fact that our pre-school registration clinics are of the utmost importance. At present, for a child to enter either a parochial or a public school in the first grade or kindergarten, it is a "MUST" that that child be registered at one of our clinics and have a physical examination—either by our school physicians or by the child's own physician. The reason for this registration is to help the school authorities plan for the first grades in each school before school actually opens; thus, if two first grades are needed in one school, we are ready with two teachers—a definite help to the child who already has enough adjustments to make when he enters school without placing an unnecessary one on him—that of re-adjusting to a new teacher two or three weeks after admission to school. This year, more than 300 children were registered as compared to about 125 the previous year—rather a staggering increase particularly if we had not been ready to receive them on the first day of school.

In line with registrations and planning for adequate space in our schools, I would like to mention a startling bit of news—Do You Know That—There were 106,690 babies born to Massachusetts families during 1947, the peak year of all time, and 72% more than the yearly average pre-war period of 1935-1939. The Division of Vital Statistics also reported that births exceeded deaths in 1947 by 55,707. Southbridge's share to this number of births was 626 as compared to 549 in 1946 and 579 in 1948—and

2. To contribute those factors fundamental to the progress of each child toward full maturity.

The implication of our program points to the fact that the influence of our school health program has to be widespread in order to include not only our schools but the home and the community as well. Our school health program is but one organized plan for the development and improvement of the public health in our community.

It would seem quite appropriate at this point, since our schools are, at present, undergoing a survey of existing needs, to refer the School Committee to Dr. Langevin's suggestion, in his report for the year 1948, relative to "their consideration in any plans entertained for the future expansion of our school buildings, pointing out the need for special quarters for the use of our School Health Department." Physical examinations and health work should be done in a cheerful and positive atmosphere and in a room that ensures quiet, privacy, and the proper light. We are presently expected to carry out our program and do a good job of teaching health under the most peculiar circumstances. It is a universally accepted fact that the "health" of the child is the prime factor in our schools today and yet, as we report for work in our different schools to carry out our planned program, we are either made to feel a wee bit like "excess baggage" or we are assigned to a spot which is already serving too many purposes.

The future success of our present program will depend largely on whether or not we are furnished with proper quarters in each school building—large enough to do the vision testing, which is required by law to be done once a year, and yet how are we to comply with the Massachusetts laws if no workable space is available in some of our schools?

Statistically, my report will be very short. Children were examined as per our planned program and where defects were found notices were mailed to parents, and I am pleased to report that most defects were either corrected or were taken under observation by family physicians for future correction or follow-up. Approved vision and hearing tests were given and received careful follow-up as well as correction. Thirty-four dental clinics were held at the Town Hall at which 302 public school children were screened and treated.

As the need arose during the year, repeated conferences were held with many and varied heads of departments of the school personnel, private physicians, clergymen, and various agencies—both in and out-of-town—who cater to our children with or without problems.

these children will be ready for school in 1952 and 1953. Now, is it any wonder that we urge and recommend a careful study with a "long-term" viewpoint in planning for adequate and much needed school space? Twelve years is the usual span of a child's life in our schools and, with birth rates still at "top-high" level, our needs which, at present, are "Great" will shortly be "Acute."

In concluding my report, I would like to say a sincere "thank you" to everyone who has directly or indirectly contributed to the success of our program. Various organizations as well as individuals responded to our appeal for clothes, glasses, and much needed medical care such as tonsillectomies, etc. Again, as in previous years, the Lions Club—their members and friends—are making "free milk" for needy children a reality in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT,  
School Nurse.

## **REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit my first annual report, based on the period from the opening of school in September to December 31, 1949.

Delinquent school attendance and frequent tardiness seem to have been due to a combination of factors, most important of which are the following:

1. Poor home environment.
2. Dislike of school.
3. Improper attitudes.
4. Lack of home discipline.
5. Indifferent home supervision.

These factors, which seem to have a direct bearing in the majority of cases reported, point to an obvious conclusion, namely, that the home conditions of a pupil have a direct bearing on school attendance and tardiness.

In dealing with these problems, I have tried to use the guidance point of view, trying to enlighten parents regarding their responsibilities, and offering constructive suggestions and remedies whenever possible. The chief function of the Attendance

Officer, is, therefore, to enforce the State laws regarding school attendance, but to explain the true meaning of the laws to the parents and children.

The duties of the Attendance Officer may be outlined as follows:

- 1. Investigate absence and tardiness cases referred to him by the school principals.
- 2. Report by phone to the principal and discuss the results of the visit.
- 3. Offer suggestions and recommendations as a result of the visit.
- 4. Submit a written report to the Superintendent showing the results of the visit.
- 5. Make a follow-up investigation whenever the facts warrant such action.
- 6. Administer the Cole Fund.
- 7. Keep office hours on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the purpose of issuing working cards.
- 8. Make a periodic check for illegal employment of children.
- 9. Report cases of children under sixteen who are suffering privation or want due to the neglect of parents.

It is also the duty of the Attendance Officer, under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent of Schools, to issue Employment Certificates or Working Cards. In looking over the records for the year 1949, the issuance of certificates was as follows:

1. Profitable Home Employment .....	5
2. Regular Full Time in Town of Residence .....	147
3. Regular Full Time in Town Other Than That of Residence .....	28
4. Regular Employment in Out-of-School Hours (6th Grade Completed) .....	11
5. Regular Employment in Out-of-School Hours (6th Grade Not Completed) .....	8
6. Full-Time Farm Employment in Town of Residence	1
7. Full-Time Domestic Employment in Town of Residence .....	3

Respectfully submitted,  
  
PAUL A. DUHART,  
Attendance Officer.

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

At your request, I am submitting my first annual report of the activities of the Audio-Visual Aids Department. This report covers the period from September 7 to December 31, 1949.

### REORGANIZATION

The main goal of the Audio-Visual Aids Department is to bring about more effective learning through the skillful and intelligent use of audio-visual materials and methods. In order to bring this goal within the realm of realization, the entire physical set-up of the department was reorganized. New files were started; catalogues of films, filmstrips, lantern slides, and other teaching aids—charts, flat pictures, graphs, maps, globes, models, objects, and specimens were added to the department to provide teachers with the necessary information that is needed in order to insure closer integration and correlation of teaching aids with subject matter in the classroom; a reference library consisting of professional books and magazines in audio-visual education was created with the aim of helping the teachers become cognizant of newly-introduced techniques and methods of using audio-visual materials in the classroom to effect maximum educational growth; and, finally, after discarding materials which had lost their values as teaching aids, racks, tables, and cabinets were rearranged according to a plan which provides a definite area for teachers to preview such projected pictures as films, filmstrips, and lantern slides. This facility to preview materials when used scientifically is one of the main factors contributing to an effective and sound audio-visual program.

### EQUIPMENT SURVEY

In order to ascertain the extent to which an audio-visual program could develop under present conditions, an extensive survey of all audio-visual equipment and facilities was conducted throughout the high and elementary schools. It was found that the system is sufficiently equipped to meet the minimum requirements of an audio-visual program. It was also found, however, that classrooms do not possess adequate darkening facilities to permit effective use of films and opaque projections. As a consequence, pupils have to be moved from the classroom (the ideal learning situation) to the auditorium (the symbol of entertainment to many pupils) to view an educational film. Since scientifically controlled experiments have established the value of using audio-visual aids right in the classroom, it becomes apparent that the effectiveness of our program will be largely dependent upon the efficacy with which we solve this problem.

## PROJECTIONIST SQUAD

In order to relieve the teachers of projection details and to give them more time for the important task of instruction, plans are now being completed to initiate a training program for student operators. The Audio-Visual Department will assume the responsibility of training these students until they meet certain criteria of proficiency in the operation and care of audio-visual aids and equipment.

Upon satisfying established requirements, each projectionist will be presented with a certificate of proficiency. Once certified in this manner, each projectionist will become for teachers a potential service which will be made available through the department.

With the use of audio-visual aids greatly facilitated, it is hoped that teachers will be encouraged to make greater use of these effective teaching tools and the desired outcomes will inevitably insure more effective learning taking place with economy of time.

## EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Another project undertaken and still in the formulative stage is the Evaluation Committee of the Visual Aids Department. This committee, composed of teachers, will review and advise on audio-visual materials before purchases are made. Since teachers are chiefly responsible for the use of these materials and because teachers know perhaps better than anyone else what the educational needs of the pupils are, the Department feels that teachers should, therefore, play a major role in the selection of audio-visual materials. When teachers are accorded this opportunity and responsibility, it has been found that not only is it likely that the most educationally valuable materials will be selected, but also that these materials will be used most efficiently and effectively.

## FILM AND EQUIPMENT USES

A temporary film program was in operation while the Department was in the process of reorganizing. During the first four months, the Department showed 23 films to a total attendance of 7,357 pupils. All films were ordered by teachers to achieve certain educational objectives and, consequently, contributed to better and more effective learning.

The services of the Department were extended also to educational, guidance, civic, industrial, and athletic groups during the last four months. These organizations were loaned equipment and operators on several occasions. Wherever the demands did not interfere with regular school schedules, the De-

partment was glad to cooperate with these groups in fulfilling their demands.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Principals of our school system for their splendid cooperation and keep interest in our program. I would also like to thank all the teachers of the system who have been sincere in accepting our program and who have, by their many suggestions, made us gain insight into many new problems. It is indeed encouraging and stimulating to work with men and women who are so interested and cooperative in introducing effective educational techniques and methods.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DESROCHES, Director,  
Audio-Visual Aids.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I am submitting this, my second annual report on Music in the Southbridge Public Schools.

### MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

The past year held two points of special musical interest for the high school. The first was the Spring Concert by the three glee clubs (70 voices) on April 30th; the second was the operetta in November. At the concert, audience participation was featured although more than half of the program was devoted to the glee clubs' singing their prepared three- and four-part choral music. A double quartet of boys entertained, and the popularity of their numbers has encouraged regular weekly rehearsals of boys who sing four-part music. There were several vocal solos and instrumental numbers, and then the group of songs in which the audience sang with the glee clubs. The glee clubs added descants and other forms of harmony to the melodies the audience sang.

The glee club's performance at the graduation exercises in June was unusually inspiring, many people declared, and I believe this was due to the presence of the experienced, more mature voices of the seniors who, for the first time at such exercises, came down from their carefully arranged platform seats to help balance the singing of their club. As I directed the songs, I felt, as I am sure the club did, what this last singing together meant to us all.

Since September, the music appreciation class has centered its study primarily on opera and the composers of opera. The glee club's operetta, *Iolanthe*, by Gilbert and Sullivan, provided a practical demonstration in miniature of the presentation of opera. Many youngsters learned that choruses can act and dance as well as sing. Records and song-collections help acquaint the students of music appreciation with other features of music drama. The four performances of *Iolanthe*, November 2, 4, 7, and 8 brought audiences totaling approximately 1,500 persons. The cast numbered 36, but the number of students and adults assisting, amounted to many more, for it was a project in which many departments inside and outside of school participated efficiently and artistically.

The average weekly attendance at high school music classes is 88 students. This does not include attendance at assemblies where occasionally the entire school (450) sing together. One such assembly was the Christmas assembly, December 22, in which, after the dramatic club's play, the three glee clubs sang a group of less familiar Christmas songs and the entire school, singing together, sent us all off on our vacations with the proper spirit and enthusiasm .

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Since the introduction of the new music books, grades III through VI have shown some improvement in sight singing, although not so much as is desired. Singing has been taught by rote so long that the youngsters are afraid to trust their own abilities. Also, the easy way of merely repeating a teacher's rendition, seems to them the only way. It is hoped that the teachers will discover ways to make reading music fun and to make it seem as important as reading story and history books.

The elementary schools sent children, as in the past, to the Worcester Music Festival Concert, October 29. The growing number of student-members of the Community Concert Association was mentioned, particularly at a meeting of the Association's directors. This increase is encouraging to all concerned with community recreation and leisure occupations, hobbies, etc. It is hoped that young people, with contagious enthusiasms for their new interests, may foster the arts, and later on provide improved recreations and greater cultural opportunities for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR S. VAN ETTEN,  
Director of Music.

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

May I submit herewith my report for the year ending December, 1949.

With the financial backing of the Southbridge Rotary Club, a high school band was started two years ago in March with an initial enrollment of twenty-eight boys and girls. Of this group, there was but one boy who had previously played a musical instrument, all others starting from "scratch."

Rehearsals were held outside of school time twice weekly, including summer vacation period, and the band was able to play an engagement at Sturbridge Fair the following September.

Maintaining about the same membership, their second year was one of increased public appearances. In the fall, they played for all the home football games and two out-of-town games. A total of twenty-two engagements were played during the 1948-49 season. Many of these were school assemblies—Christmas carol program, parent-teacher meeting, talent show participation, etc.

The following important outside engagements were kept: a concert for the student body of Putnam, Connecticut public schools and the same for Woodstock, Connecticut; Veterans Hospital, Rutland; Central Massachusetts Music Educators School; music festival at Clinton, Massachusetts; Memorial Day parade at Sturbridge; our own spring music frolic at Wells auditorium; parades on July 4th and on November 11th at Putnam, Connecticut; junior music festival at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts.

In the fall of 1949, we again played all home football games and two out-of-town games, and we wound up the season by being invited to appear at the Boston University-St. Bonaventure football game at Fenway Park, Boston.

At the present time the band owns twenty musical instruments, sixteen of which were presented to the school by the Southbridge Rotary Club. In addition, it owns thirty-two complete band uniforms plus four majorette and one head drum major costume. The estimated value of instruments, uniforms, and music is \$2,000.00.

Cash on Hand .....	\$170.00
Bills Payable .....	100.00
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Balance .....	\$ 70.00

In addition to the foregoing report on the high school band situation, I would like also to give you a report on my activities in the formation of a second elementary school band.

This latter project was started on March 1, 1949, and there are thirty-five members in it, including both grammar and high school pupils. This group will make its first public appearance some time in April, 1950.

Coming right along behind the latter group is still another ensemble of younger players who started while in the fourth and fifth grades which number about fifteen.

At this writing, I am organizing still another beginners' group in the grades, as a constant flow of starting pupils must be maintained in order to keep the program running smoothly.

A well-rounded musical instrument program would not be complete without a high school dance band and concert orchestra.

Both of the latter I have in mind and hope to put the plan in operation in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL J. SWEET, Director,  
Instrumental Music.

## **REPORT OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is my first annual report on the activities and the work of the Maintenance Department.

Our aim to bring about the standardization of all materials used for maintenance in the School Department is slowly taking form as the following items will show:

1. All janitor supplies have been standardized and purchased as the need presented itself.
2. A booklet giving a good description of stock articles and their proper use is now being developed.
3. Considerable time and expense can be saved by all school janitors using like materials for corresponding jobs.

4. A small stockroom is being equipped with staple articles to supply the principals' immediate needs.
5. As per your recommendations and mine, all janitors must return old or worn-out equipment before new articles are allotted—this also applies to burned-out electric light bulbs.
6. All oil and coal used in our schools is let out by contract, yearly, by this Department.
7. All requisitions for repairs, alterations, and purchases, are issued from this Department to the Superintendent of Schools for approval.

One of the major improvements in our schools this year was the installation of **three (3) new oil burners** in the following schools: West Street School, Eastford Road School, and Charlton Street School. These burners have proven very successful after the usual "bugs" were ironed out. This relieves the work load of our janitors, eliminating ash removal, etc.

The River Street School has been redecorated inside and will be completed soon. With the sanding and finishing of floors that I am planning on doing at Easter vacation, this will finish a much-needed job. The play yard has been levelled and covered with pea stone. If the recommendation for a new fence is granted, the remaining area can then be covered with additional pea stone. This work at River Street was done by Cole Trade students and will stand for at least five years without major repairs. Boys' toilets were recently installed; also a new 2-inch copper water feed line to street. The girls' toilets should be remodelled this coming year.

The gym floor at Charlton Street and Eastford Road Schools were sanded and refinished. This will insure good basketball courts for two to three years, with proper maintenance.

In closing, I wish to state that this coming year, if necessary funds are available, this Department would propose to clean and paint all shower rooms, dressing rooms, and basements of all our new buildings.

Respectfully submitted,  
EMERY A. LAVALLEE,  
Maintenance Officer.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started this past September:

Elementary Sewing .....	One class
Children's Clothing .....	One class
Dressmaking .....	One class
Advanced Dressmaking .....	One class
Tailoring .....	One class
Cooking .....	One class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields. Classes in Business English, Elementary Stenography, and Elementary Typewriting proved to have a large demand and were well attended. A course in Public Speaking and Human Relations, given by Mr. J. Frank Ward of Worcester, Massachusetts, was an extremely popular and profitable academic course.

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Director,  
University Extension and Evening  
Vocational Courses.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Massachusetts Department of Education wishes to encourage everyone to continue his education or to review what has been learned because of a deeper appreciation of its value and meaning in later life. This year, the Adult Education Division of the Southbridge School Department has the great satisfaction of having the latter reason given in several instances.

Of course, we need education to earn a living, but it is also in demand for more worthy use of leisure time. In this, the Adult Education Department feels that it has been able to fulfill its mission.

The Advanced Group had among its members high school graduates and others with its near equivalent who wished to read and be able to comprehend more of the activities of our Government in relation to the other countries of the earth; thus becoming better citizens. The grammatical structure of the English language interested them in comparison to the one of their birthplace, and to the native-born students it took on a new meaning and power. They have developed more ability to get the meaning behind the "News" and a greater understanding of the printed page.

In our Beginners' Group, there were several illiterates who had never learned to read or write in any language. These must, of necessity, work hard, as it is more difficult for an adult to go to school for the first time, but the satisfactions are numerous.

Among these were several Displaced Persons coming from United Nations supervised Camps in scattered places on the Continent of Europe. Their eagerness and their faithfulness to the task were most gratifying.

The Department continues to advise and give counsel to Repatriates, New Arrivals, Derivative Citizens, "About-to-Be" Citizens, and those desiring Citizenship. This is done the year round and is most appreciated by the community.

The Adult Education Division of the School Department pledges itself to continue doing all within its capacity and jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER,  
Director of Adult Education.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit my second annual report covering the activities of the playgrounds for the year 1949.

The season ran from July 11 through August 19, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following schools: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, River Street, and West Street. Special events were held at the Town swimming pool and at Dresser Street Recreational Field.

### PERSONNEL

#### General:

Director, Harry J. McMahon.; Payroll, Miss Elsie Hofstra.

#### Charlton Street Playgrounds:

Supervisors, Lewis Kyrios and Mrs. Helen Golden; Assistants, Helen Boucher, Maureen Baybutt, George Perikli.

#### Eastford Road Playgrounds:

Supervisors, Miss Persis Howe and William Nickerson; Assistants, Carolyn Allard, Roger Hebert.

#### River Street Playgrounds:

Supervisors, Miss Libby Themistocles, Raymond Marino. Assistants, Betty Lou Hart, James DiFederico.

#### West Street Playgrounds:

Supervisors, Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, John Welch; Assistants, Mary Moriarty, Paul Ryan.

### ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

This year's enrollment increased slightly from 1,361 in 1948 to 1,423 in 1949. For the second consecutive year, both the percentage of attendance and attendance for a single day showed an increase over the preceding year.

	1948	1949
Total Enrollment .....	1,361	1,423
Average Daily Attendance .....	624	662
Aver. Percentage of Attendance .....	45.8	46.1
Largest Daily Attendance .....	810	823

## PUBLIC INTEREST

The interest of the public was maintained through the medium of the press, which did its usual good job. Results of contests and special meets, such as swimming, track, and the baseball play-offs, together with the amateur show and crafts exhibit, were given prompt and complete coverage.

## MEETINGS

There were six meetings of the supervisors held during the summer, the purpose of which was to plan the activities of the week and to consider any difficulties that may have arisen the previous week. These meetings were a source of help to all.

## ACTIVITIES

The activities were many and varied. For the purpose of this report, they were classified as regular and special.

The regular activities consisted of the usual intra-playground sports and games, such as zell-ball, basketball, softball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, horseshoes, croquet, etc. To augment this program, there were the inter-playground schedules in most of the above activities to accommodate boys and girls of two age levels, the senior group and the midget group. The senior group consisted of those between 12 years and 16 years. The midget group consisted of those under 9 years of age.

The special activities consisted of a swimming meet held at Town swimming pool; a track meet held at Dresser Street field. In order to avoid the possibility of accidents, the very young were not allowed to participate in these meets, and all playgrounds remained open to accommodate these. The other special activities such as the Amateur Show and Crafts Exhibit were open to all regardless of age or size. Actually, in these projects, the emphasis was on the younger group. Also, there was considerable time spent teaching these children to sing simple songs, folk dancing, and story telling.

Whenever possible, the activities were carried on out of doors in the fresh air and sunshine. On the few rainy days encountered, we took over the gymnasiums at the respective schools and the tenor of the activities was in keeping with the environment, the special treat on such days being a varied "movie" program.

## PLAYGROUND CHAMPIONS

Charlton Street continued its superiority over the other playgrounds and thus retains possession of the championship banner for another year.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

As in former years, the exhibit of the Arts and Crafts Program was held in the store of a midtown merchant with the usual interest and success.

A list of the finished projects follows:

### **Stuffed Animals**

- 7 cats
- 5 elephants
- 14 scottie dogs
- 8 teddy bears

### **Aprons**

- 9 aprons

### **Baskets**

- 11 waste, of cardboard
- 23 reed, assorted sizes

### **Belts**

- 9 made of felt
- 216 made of leather
- 31 mesh, embroidered with yarn
- 23 plastic, perforated and embroidered

### **Boxes of Wood, Painted or Stencilled**

- 8 handkerchief boxes
- 8 jewel boxes, round
- 8 jewel boxes, square

### **Bracelets**

- 29 colored beads
- 32 plastic
- 97 shoe buttons
- 43 wood

### **Doll Caps**

- 22 doll caps

### **Dolls**

- 35 yarn dolls
- 13 cloth dolls

### **Coasters**

- 42 coasters, wood base, reed sides

### **Bags**

- 7 under-arm of straw
- 5 over-the-shoulder
- 9 hand, basket bottom with cloth top
- 43 marble, woven
- 5 knitting

### **Head Bands**

- 5 colored beads
- 27 plastic, embroidered with yarn
- 3 baboushkas
- 15 beanies of felt

### **Bookmarks**

- 9 bookmarks

### **Bill Folds**

- 8 bill folds made of leather

### **Bookends**

- 11 bookends, made of wood

### **Bowls of Wood Painted or Stencilled**

- 12 nut bowls
- 16 salad bowls

### **Cards**

- 816 sewing cards
- 33 button cards

### **Chairs**

- 3 chairs made of orange crates

### **Doll Hats**

- 48 woven hats

### **Luncheon Cloths**

- 8 luncheon cloths

### **Maps**

- 7 colored maps

**Brooms**  
 16 brooms  
     (whisk, of straw)

**Flower Pots**  
 7 flower pots, cord covered  
     and painted

**Mats**  
 33 hot plate, of yarn  
 45 hot plate, of silkateen  
 16 hot plate, of cork  
 16 hot plate, of woven straw  
 16 hot plate, of mesh,  
     embroidered

**Necklaces**  
 47 bead, colored  
 21 button, shoe

**Napkin Rings**  
 24 plastic material  
 24 wood rings  
 24 wood rings, animal shaped

**Reed Work**  
 28 wastebaskets  
 24 glass trays

**Trays**  
 4 metal trays

**Towels**  
 31 towels, embroidered

**Sprinkler Bottles**  
 6 sprinkler bottles,  
     painted

**Suspenders**  
 16 prs. suspenders, leather

**Purses**  
 27 felt purses

**Mittens**  
 6 prs. mittens of felt  
 5 prs. mittens knitted

**Moccasins**  
 4 prs. moccasins of felt

**Pencil Cases**  
 12 felt pencil cases

**Animals and Flowers  
and Mats**  
 65 pipe stem animals and  
     flowers  
 7 pipe stem place mats

**Pot Holders**  
 22 pot holders, cotton  
     material  
 287 pot holders, jersey loops  
 35 pot holders, yarn

**Samplers**  
 8 samplers, embroidered

**Scarfs**  
 12 scarfs, embroidered

**Socks**  
 3 pr. socks, knitted

Total Number of Articles ..... 2,674

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the playgrounds a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HARRY J. McMAHON, Director,  
 Summer Playgrounds.

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1950

<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Norbert C. Benoit	1952
<b>Town Clerk</b> .....	Clare P. Boyer	1953

## Selectmen

Norman Leblanc, Chairman .....	1951
Rosario Arpin, Clerk .....	1951
Emery Lavallee .....	1951

## Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere .....	1952	Ovide Desrosier .....	1953
Hermas Lippe .....	1951	Herbert Michon .....	Agent

## Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosier, Chairman	Hermas Lippe
Marie Lariviere	Herbert Michon, Agent

## Assessors

Joseph Lafleche .....	1952	Charles Normandin .....	1953
Raymond Benoit .....	1951		

## Board of Health

Henry E. Demers .....	1952	Dr. Raymond Haling, M.D.	1953
		Robert W. DeJordy, D.S.C.	1951

## Highway Commissioners

George Lafleche .....	1952	Albert J. Arsenault .....	1953
Anthony Ciesla .....	1951		

## World War Memorial Trustees

Norman Leblanc .....	1953	Ovila Donais .....	1952
Silvio Ferron .....	1951	Adelard Donais .....	1953
Blaise Trudeau .....	1952	Camille Hebert .....	1951

## School Committee

Gabriel Crevier .....	1952	Mrs. John Steen .....	1952
Rosaire Lafleche .....	1951	Armand DeAngelis .....	1951
Linnea M. Beck .....	1953	Eugene Leblanc .....	1953

## Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn .....	1952	George Dumas .....	1953
Benj. F. Tully .....	1951		

## Constables

Blaise Trudeau .....	1951	Raoul Meunier .....	1951
Bernard Richard .....	1951		

<b>Tax Collector</b> .....	Mederic Duhamel	1951
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### **Planning Board**

Francis N. Bishop .....	1954	Edmund A. Ryan .....	1955
George Duquette .....	1951	Bernard Raimondo .....	1952
Raoul Gaulin .....	1953		

### **Sewer Committee**

J. George Page .....	1952	Alfred Goudreau .....	1953
Raymond Bachand .....	1951		

### **Park Commissioners**

Thomas Monaco .....	1952	Roland G. Hetu .....	1953
Arthur W. Leduc .....	1951		

<b>Moderator</b> .....	Willard R. Stark	1951
<b>Tree Warden</b> .....	Chester J. Maska	1951

### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

Ernest Lavallee .....	1952	James J. Fallon .....	1953
Ignac Zacycki .....	1951		

### **Southbridge Housing Authority**

Omer L. Perron .....	1952	Arthur Cabana .....	1953
Francois C. Sansoucy .....	1951	Emile J. Martin .....	1951
Louis J. Ciprari (appointed by state) .....	1951		

### **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1950**

<b>Assistant Clerk, Selectmen</b> .....	Julian C. Gabree	1951
<b>Town Accountant</b> .....	Leon Caron	1953
<b>Town Counsel</b> .....	John J. O'Shaughnessy	1951
<b>Town Engineer</b> .....	Benj. F. Tully	1951

### **Veterans' Service Department**

Paul Benoit, Director .....	1951
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### **Recreation Committee**

Frank Skinyon .....	1952	Joseph Duffy .....	1953
Willard Stark .....	1952	John Libera .....	1952
Arthur Leduc .....	1951	B. Tully .....	1951
John E. Merrill .....	1953	Norman Staves .....	1952
Armand DeAngelis .....	1951	Lorenzo Beaupre .....	1953
T. Monaco .....	1952	Francis Vlack .....	1953
William Shea .....	1951	Lewis Kyrios .....	1952

Care of Town Clock .....	John P. Caves	1951
Superintendent of Schools .....	Robert H. McCarn	
Pound Keeper .....	Frederick L. Dowling	
Keeper of Lock-Up .....	Jos. Kokoszka	1951
Custodian of Town Hall .....	Oliver Proulx	1951
Animal Inspector .....	Alcide Fournier	1951
Plumbing Inspector .....	Joseph Chagnon	
Milk Inspector .....	Joseph Chagnon	1951
Building Inspector .....	William F. Shea	1951
Wire Inspector .....	Clarence Bachand	1951
Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	G. R. Lariviere	1951

**Library Trustees**  
**(For the Town)**

Dr. Nerio Pioppi .....	1952	Oswald Laliberte .....	1953
Edward P. Sheehan .....	1951		

**(For the Fund)**

Gertrude W. Smith	W. Wesley Crawford	John Martin
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**Registrars of Voters**

Armand Fortin .....	1952	Timothy Moriarty .....	1953
Seaver M. Rice .....	1951	Clare Boyer	

**Fire Department**

Oswald Meunier .....	Chief	Daniel Daniels ....	Dep. Chief
Superintendent of Fire Alarms .....		Norman Larochelle	
Fire Warden .....		Oswald Meunier	1951

**Deputy Fire Wardens**

Daniel Daniels	Romeo Lippe	Rosario Bellerose
Joseph Mandeville	Harry Michaels	Archie Langevin
Emile Caouette	Albert Servant	

**Fence Viewers**

Leo Paley .....	1951	Louis Bachand .....	1951
Fred Welch .....	1951	Euclid Gattineau .....	1951

### Finance Committee

Edgar Lewis .....	1951	Edgar Trembley .....	1952
Peter Graf .....	1951	Dr. Arthur Tieri .....	1952
Louis T. Allard .....	1951	Jos. Gallery .....	1953
John Rischitelli .....	1951	Jos. Piasta .....	1953
Arthur J. Martin .....	1951	John Murray .....	1953
Albert Steg .....	1952	Stuart Casavant .....	1953
Albert Simonds .....	1952	George Metras .....	1953
Myron Clemence .....	1952		

### Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit	George W. Watson	Doris Loiselle
Edmund Ryan	Ronaldo Guertin	Armand DeAngelis
	Bernard Beauregard	

### Measurers of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	Clifford McKinstry	John J. Hogan
	Royce Fitzpatrick	

### Field Drivers

Albert Lamarine	James Laughnane	George Fitts
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### Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon	Arthur Eno
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### Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards	Loretta Fitzpatrick	Beatrice Peloquin
Ralph McKinstry	Eleanor Drake	Harry Michaels
Herman Staves	William Cox	Thomas Hughes
	Raymond Fitzpatrick	Royce Fitzpatrick

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf .....	1951	Mitchell Kurposka .....	1953
Edward Seremet .....	1952		

### Committee to Revise Town By-Laws

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr.*	Louis Gagnon	George Leduc
Alfred Beaulieu	George Favre	Calvin Wright

**Inspector of Petroleum** ..... Rudolph Lariviere

**Dog Officer** ..... Albert Lamarine

**Care of Veterans' Graves** ..... William J. Congdon

### Retirement Board

Leon Caron	Paul H. Benoit	J. Alfred Dumas
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# JURY LIST

June 30th 1950

Name and Address	Occupation
Allard, Roland A. J., 9 Federal Heights	Bus Driver
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut St.	At Home
Ayotte, Raymond J., 75 Pleasant St.	Opt. Worker
Bachand, Marie, 201 Everett St.	Housewife
Bachand, Emelda, 242 Charlton St.	Housewife
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter
Beauregard, Alexander, 401 Main St.	Clerk
Bednarczak, John J., 243 Everett St.	Tool Maker
Bellerive, Armand J., 223 Everett St.	Polisher
Bertrand, Urban G., 370 Hamilton St.	Washer
Bermingham, Michael J., 10 Eastford Rd.	Retired
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist
Blanchette, Omer, 40 Cross St.	Carpenter
Boiteau, Anthony, 71 Sayles St.	Opt. Worker
Buckley, John T., 28 Harding Court	Opt. Worker
Blais, Nap., 402 Worcester St.	Moulder
Beaudry, Eugene W., 38 Henry St.	Janitor
Beaupre, Arthur, 235 Mechanic St.	Machine Worker
Benoit, Doris, 44 High St.	Housewife
Brouillette, Eva, 89 Worcester St.	Solderer
Bouthillier, Mae, 262 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Ballard, Estelle C., 391 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton St.	Parts Manager
Caron, Phillias, 109 High St.	
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River St.	Machinist
Carpentier, Noe N., 45 Randolph St.	Salesman
Carpentier, Wm., 228 Hamilton St.	Retired
Cartier, Jos., Jr., 17 Pleasant St.	Manager
Chamberland, Theodore, 99 Cross St.	Mach. Operator
Chamberlain, Leopold, Elm St.	Assembler
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South St.	Merchant
Cournoyer, Norman H., 59 Fiske St.	Farm Hand
Coutu, Wilfred, 39 Cross St.	Retired
Cloutier, Armand, 400 Main St.	Truer
Carpentier, Jean A., 349 Hamilton St.	Textile Worker
Costa, Norman, 8 Woodland Ave.	Grinder
Cournoyer, Matilda, 115 Marcy St.	Housewife
Cardrant, Leo F., 8 Avenue G.	Truck Driver
DeAngelis, Phillip M., 80 Sayles St.	Student
Desaulniers, Leo J., Elm St.	Machinist
Daigle, Alexander, 69 Litchfield Ave.	Foreman

Dufault, Jos., 155 Mechanic St.	Laborer
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St.	Cutlery Worker
Dumas, Alfred J., Jr., 986 Main St.	Polisher
Duval, Albertine, 122 Mill St.	Optical Worker
Dow, Roland, 42 Pleasant St.	Filer
Duhamel, Elizabeth, Brickyard Rd.	Clerk

Ethier, Louis G., 244 Mechanic St.	Shipping Clerk
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Faford, Wilfred, 11 Columbia St.	Back Tender
Farland, Normand, 36 Litchfield Ave.	Opt. Worker
Flood, Henry F., 326 Main St.	Asst. Supt.
Fontaine, Alpha Amidown Dist.	Truer

Gauthier, Florence A., 31 Cross St.	Warper
Gagnon, Anna M., 53 Newell Ave.	Housewife
Gamache, George, 105 North St.	Knife Worker
Gagne, Alfred, 35 Central St.	Textile Worker
Gaumont, Harvey, 141 Everett St.	Taxi Driver
Gaumont, Eugel, 16 Gardner St.	Retired
Gendron, Albert, 42 Thomas St.	Feeder
Gendron, Raymond, 149 Mechanic St.	Print Worker
Gendreau, Jos. U., 119 Mill St.	Press Operator
Genereux, Louis W., 206 Main St.	Foreman
Graf, Peter, 38 Golf St.	Foreman
Grenier, William, Maple Terrace	Clerk
Guignard, Jos. A., 36 Winter St.	Electrician
Gravel, Charles E., 158 Charlton St.	Opt. Worker
Galinski, Jos., 289 Ashland Ave.	Gas Fitter
Gravel, Lionel, 423 Charlton St.	Opt. Worker
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main St.	Housewife
Gauthier, Phillip, 153 Cliff St.	Clerk

Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Machine Operator
Holton, Frank B., No. Woodstock Rd.	Retired
Hatton, Thomas, 9 Union St.	Filer

Julian, Jos. E., 73 Newell Ave.	Mail Clerk
Jones, Leonard, 25 Harding Court.	Truer

Kirry, William J., 60 East Main St.	Textile Worker
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Laporte, Alexis, 119 West St.	Textile Worker
Lapoint, Lionel, 398 Worcester St.	Lens Worker
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Court.	Opt. Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main St.	Foreman
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River St.	Unemployed
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut St.	Moulder
Landry, Lectance, 62 Lovely St.	Painter

Lataille, Frank, 284 Mechanic St.	Opt. Worker
Lataille, Jos. C., 39 Henry St.	Retired
Lavallee, Nap. A., 48 School St.	Retired
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal St.	Shear Tender
LeBlanc, Leon D., 364 Hamilton St.	Fixer
Leboeuf, Roland, 27 Chestnut St.	Clerk
Libera, Jos., 9 Ballard Court.	Opt. Worker
Loranger, Edward, 127 Pleasant St.	Machinist
Lemoine, James, 14 Park St.	Press Worker
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards St.	Supervisor
Lenti, Frank, 313 Worcester St.	Auto Dealer
Lucier, Leo, 31 Randolph St.	Finisher
Langevin, Leona, 102 Mechanic St.	Housewife
Lavallee, Lillian, 126 Litchfield Ave.	Housewife
Lippe, Eva, 711 Main St.	Housewife
Lariviere, Ubald, 102 Lebanon St.	Cutlery Worker
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St.	Housewife
Leduc, Jeannette, 44 Chapin St.	Housewife
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Housewife
Lippe, Mrs. Dora, 214 Marcy St.	Housewife

Mandeville, Laura, 267 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Marand, Nap., 276 Mechanic St.	Polisher
Mathieu, Isaac, 288 Mechanic St.	Salesman
Matte, Osa, 377 Morris St.	Dryer
Monette, Moise G., 452 Hamilton St.	Clerk
Moriarty, Timothy J., 150 Pleasant St.	Finisher
Matte, Armand, 61 Guelphwood Rd.	Opt. Worker
Monaco, Lardy, 34 Central St.	Electrician
Montigny, Henry O., 28 Thomas St.	Salesman
Miller, Emile, 263 Mechanic St.	Clerk
McCann, Edgar, 41 Worcester St.	Opt. Worker

Nichols, Thomas, 29 Fiske St.	Press Operator
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Paquette, Walter, Brickyard Rd.	Janitor
Paquin, Wm., 32 Worcester St.	Inspector
Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St.	Warper
Parent, Jos. C., 348 Main St.	Retired
Pezzetti, John, 7 Glover St.	Ins. Agent
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St.	Lens Polisher
Peloquin, Narcisse, 62 Green Ave.	Repair Man
Picard, Alfred, 402 Main St.	Opt. Worker
Pinsonneault, Richard, 35 South St.	Inspector
Plouffe, George F., 135 Marcy St.	Repairer
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott St.	Carpenter
Parent, Aime, 9 Hillcrest Ave.	Electrician
Pelletier, Norman R., 2 Cross St.	Opt. Worker
Power, Jos., 134 Chapin St.	Retired

Plasse, Norman, 79 Fairlawn Ave.	Opt. Worker
Potvin, Ovide, 38 Hamilton St.	Unemployed
Proulx, Lillian, 92 Charlton St.	Clerk

Ravenelle, Raoul J., 65 River St.	Clerk
Roberts, Gerald G., 23 Oakes Ave.	Superintendent
Richer, Gerald A., 18 Benefit St.	Shipping Clerk

Soter, Alexander, 50 Lens St.	Factory Worker
Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oakes Ave.	Grocer
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm St.	Foreman
Staves, Arthur, 37 Franklin Terrace	Clerk
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Sturbridge Rd.	Mach. Operator
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St.	Clerk
Shepard, Rose, 77 Hamilton St.	Housewife
St. Germain, Jos., 120 Sayles St.	Laborer
St. Pierre, Rodolph, 10 Rose St.	Machinist

Trembley, Theodore, 274 Charlton St.	Foreman
Taylor, Irene, 45 River St.	Re-Winder
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Central St.	Housewife
Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St.	Carpenter
Tetreault, Eugene, 53 Fiske St.	Clerk
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St.	Edger
Trudeau, Blaise, 35 Central St.	Retired
Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles St.	Knife Worker
Talbot, Ernest, 88 Pine St.	Textile Worker
Therrien, Armand, 57 Crystal St.	Clerk

Volpini, Renato, 13 Avenue C.	Opt. Worker
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic St.	Clerk

Walsh, Mary, 59½ Fiske St.	Housewife
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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report of their activities of the Department for the year of 1950.

The Board organized under date of March 7, 1950, Norman Leblanc was appointed Chairman of the Board, Rosario Arpin was appointed Clerk. Other appointments of the Board may be found in the Town Report immediately following the list of duly elected officers.

In addition to our regular meetings, which were held on Monday evenings of each week at 7:00 P. M. in the Selectmen's Office, numerous conferences, public hearings and special meetings were held as occasions demanded.

In conjunction with other Town Departments, we have again made considerable progress to improve conditions, such as widening streets when possible, and making what other changes we have deemed advisable for the interest of the Town.

The rotary at the junction of Mechanic and East Main Streets has been completed, which is proving to be a step in the right direction for improving traffic conditions. We have planned for extensive alterations of the streets in the area of Hamilton, Hook, Central, North and Foster Streets. In order to carry out this project it is necessary to take over property owned by the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Company, known as the Depot Site; once this has been accomplished we shall be able to rearrange and reconstruct the streets in this section which will eliminate much of the traffic congestion on Main Street.

Plans are being made to remodel the Town Hall Building, thereby providing more office space and better facilities throughout the building. By spending some money to make necessary repairs at this time, we shall be able to preserve the building for many more years.

The income of the Board for 1950 was \$17,419.00, and was received from the following items.

## Liquor Licenses

4 Seasonal All-Alcoholic Licenses .....	@ \$150.00	\$ 600.00
6 Club All-Alcoholic Licenses .....	300.00	1,800.00
3 Club Wine & Malt Licenses .....	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder All-Alcoholic Licenses .....	600.00	1,200.00
2 Innholder Wine & Malt Licenses .....	200.00	400.00

12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic Licenses .....	500.00	6,000.00
10 Restaurant Wine & Malt Licenses .....	200.00	2,000.00
4 Package Goods All-Alcoholic Licenses ..	300.00	1,200.00
6 Package Goods All-Alcoholic Licenses ..	100.00	600.00
5 Drug Store All-Alcoholic Licenses .....	50.00	250.00
30 One-Day Wine & Malt Licenses .....	1.00	30.00
1 Special Wine & Malt License, one month	8.50	8.50
1 Special Wine & Malt License, three months	25.50	25.50
Total Liquor .....		<u>\$14,414.00</u>

Common Victuallers Licenses, 52 @ .....	\$ 3.00	\$ 156.00
Sunday Store Licenses, 43 @ .....	3.00	129.00
34 Auto Dealer Licenses .....	3.00	102.00
20 Taxi Owners Licenses .....	1.00	20.00
77 Taxi Driver Licenses .....	1.00	77.00
7 Lodging House Licenses .....	1.00	7.00
10 Storage Tank Licenses .....	.50	5.00
5 Fire Arms Licenses .....	3.00	15.00
89 Sign Permits .....	1.00	89.00
3 Parking Lot Permits .....	2.00	6.00
48 Pin Ball Machines Licenses .....	20.00	960.00
22 Pin Ball Mach. Replacement Licenses	2.00	44.00
Town Hall Rentals .....	345.00	345.00
Court House Rental .....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lock-Up Rental .....	50.00	50.00
Grand Total .....		<u>\$17,419.00</u>

NORMAN LEBLANC,  
 ROSARIO ARPIN,  
 EMERY LAVALLEE,

Board of Selectmen.

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1950.

## Vital Statistics

Total Number of Births Registered .....	511
Total Number of Deaths Registered .....	214
Total Number of Marriages Recorded .....	201
Total Number of Marriage Intentions .....	184

## Miscellaneous Licenses Recorded

Auctioneer's .....	2
Bowling and Pool .....	6
Junk .....	11
Hawkers' and Peddlers' .....	12
Gasoline .....	39
Garage .....	46
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Total licenses issued .....	116
Amount paid to Treasurer .....	\$298.50

## Dog Licenses Issued

### Number of Licenses:

Male .....	547
Female .....	69
Spayed Female .....	197
Kennel .....	4

Total Licenses Issued .....	817
Amount paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$1,709.60

## Sporting Licenses Issued

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses .....	939
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	306
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses .....	384
Resident Citizens' Women's and Minors' Fish. Licenses .....	301
Resident Minor Trappers' Licenses .....	2
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses .....	8
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses .....	6
Non-Resident Citizens' or Resident Alien Fish. Lic. ....	16
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	3
Non-Resident Citizens' Sporting-Trapping Licenses .....	1

Duplicate Licenses .....	14
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses .....	80
Resident Military or Naval Ser. Sporting Licenses .....	14
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance and to the Blind .....	17
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Total Licenses Issued .....	2,091
Amount paid to Div. of Fisheries & Game	\$3,811.75

### **List of Jurors Drawn by Selectmen During 1950**

Christopher Powers of Meadow Brook Road.  
Patrick L. Sullivan of 40 South Street  
Joseph D. Proulx of 46 South Street  
Felix Peloquin of 37 Coombs Street.  
Omer Perron of 215 Marcy Street.  
Louis Hetu of 48 Dresser Street  
Joseph A. Belanger of 530 Worcester Street.  
Adelard Sansoucy of 31 Hamilton Street.  
Herman Giroux of Marsh Avenue.  
Albert G. Tremblay of 240 Marcy Street.  
Osa Matte of 377 Morris Street.  
Raymond J. Ayotte of 75 Pleasant Street.  
Eugene Tetreault of 53 Fiske Street.  
Antoine Brodeur of 114 Pine Street.  
Ovide Potvin of 38 Hamilton Street.  
Walter A. Dulmaine of 88 Pine Street.  
Albert F. Duquette of 14 Worcester Street.  
Gerald G. Roberts of 23 Oakes Avenue.  
Lardy Monaco of 34 Central Street.  
Alexander Beauregard of 401 Main Street.  
Armand Matte of 61 Guelph Woods Road.  
Eugel Gaumond of 16 Gardner Street.  
Norman Costa of 8 Woodland Avenue.  
Alexander Daigle of 67 Highland Street.  
Gerald Richer of 18 Benefit Street.

### **Meetings Held During 1950**

Annual Election of Town Officers .....	March 6, 1950
Annual Business Meeting .....	March 13, 1950
Special Town Meeting .....	August 21, 1950
State Primaries .....	September 19, 1950
State Election .....	November 7, 1950
Special Town Meeting .....	December 18, 1950

Respectfully submitted,  
CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1950

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$ 412,637.68	
Receipts for 1950 .....	1,944,469.99	
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		\$2,357,107.67
1950 Disbursements .....		1,967,791.47
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1950		\$ 389,316.20

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1951	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 36,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	32,000.00
8,000.00	Hamilton St. & Main St. Paving	1946	41,600.00	8,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	12,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	14,000.00
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\$31,000.00				\$102,000.00

## TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00—Anticipation of Revenue—Due May 1, 1951

## POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945 .....	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Interest on Savings Acct. through Dec. 31, 1950 .....	21,482.03
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Total Fund .....	\$171,482.03

## TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1950	Int. 1950	Balance Dec. 31, 1950
<b>Mary Mynott Fund</b>			
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	\$1,000.00	\$ 22,50	\$1,000.00

### **Boyer Fund**

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	425.82	9.63	435.45
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### **Jesse J. Angell Fund**

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	1,417.12	32.06	1,449.18
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### **Ella M. Cole Fund**

Attleboro Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings .....	1,000.00	22.50	1,000.00

### **Hannah Edwards Fund**

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee .....	5,000.00	130.00	5,000.00
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### **Mabel Murphy Fund**

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	45.00	2,000.00
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### **Adah L. Stedman Fund**

Southbridge Credit Union .....	1,000.00	24.98	1,000.00
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## **CEMETERY FUND**

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1950	Int. 1950
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 80.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	50.00
Gardner Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	67.50
Lynn Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	45.00
Leominster Savings Bank .....	2,475.00	61.88
Millbury Savings Bank .....	1,453.52	36.32
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings .....	3,000.00	67.50
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,500.00	68.75
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	10,392.10	203.78
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	75.00
Winchendon Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	120.00
Ware Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	55.00
Worcester Co-op Federal Savings .....	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op .....	4,000.00	100.00
Merchants Co-op .....	4,000.00	100.00

Mattapan Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op .....	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op .....	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op .....	4,000.00	90.00
Minot Co-op .....	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Southbridge Credit Union .....	4,500.00	99.92

Totals .....	\$80,035.30	\$2,014.93
Cemetery Fund as of Jan. 1, 1950 .....		\$78,168.62
Added to Fund, 1950 .....		1,866.68
Cemetery Fund—Dec. 31, 1950 .....		\$80,035.30

Respectfully submitted,  
**NORBERT C. BENOIT,**  
Town Treasurer.

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Old Age Assistance program in general is increasing from year to year. This is due to new legislations to improve this form of public assistance.

### CASELOAD

	Number of cases		Number of cases
January .....	292	July .....	310
February .....	297	August .....	315
March .....	306	September .....	319
April .....	311	October .....	311
May .....	303	November .....	318
June .....	306	December .....	322

### EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Total Cost .....	\$204,662.50
Federal Reimbursement .....	96,268.79
State Reimbursement .....	70,452.05
Cities and Towns .....	4,056.99
Total Reimbursement .....	170,777.83
Cost to Town .....	33,884.67
Average Cost Monthly .....	17,055.20
Average Cost to Town per case, per month .....	9.13
Average number cases per month. ....	309

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During the year 1950, the General Relief Program has been normal locally, although the expenses incurred out of town for settled cases have been somewhat on the upward trend.

## CASELOAD

	No. Cases	No. Persons		No. Cases	No. Persons
January .....	95	290	July .....	78	284
February .....	101	310	August .....	69	215
March .....	104	318	September .....	75	183
April .....	93	324	October .....	60	204
May .....	86	285	November .....	58	182
June .....	88	246	December .....	59	163

## EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Total Cost .....	\$48,343.68
State Reimbursements .....	9,192.73
Cities & Towns Reimbursements .....	1,459.13
Total Reimbursements .....	10,651.86
Net Cost to Town .....	37,651.86
Net Cost to Town Monthly .....	3,140.98
Net Cost to Town Monthly, per person .....	12.56
Average No. of persons aided per month .....	250

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### Caseload

	No. Cases	No. of Children and Mothers		No. Cases	No. of Children and Mothers
January .....	27	81	July .....	26	81
February .....	27	81	August .....	26	81
March .....	27	81	September .....	25	82
April .....	27	81	October .....	24	76
May .....	28	86	November .....	25	77
June .....	28	86	December .....	26	82

### Expenses and Reimbursements

Total Cost .....	\$35,051.02
State Reimbursements .....	14,241.80

Federal Reimbursements .....	8,494.43
Total Reimbursements .....	22,736.23
Net Cost to Town .....	12,314.79
Net Cost to Town Monthly .....	1,026.23
Average No. of mothers and children aided monthly	81

The Child Welfare Office was closed as of December 31, 1950. In the future, services will be available at the local Board of Public Welfare office.

At the Infirmary, a certain amount of repairs had to be done to maintain the buildings in good condition. The increased cost of living is also affecting the operation of this institution. Eighteen inmates were cared for during the year.

We wish to thank the teachers and children at West Street and River Street Schools for their thoughtfulness of the unfortunates at Christmas time.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman,  
MARIE LARIVIERE, Clerk,  
OVIDE DESROSIER, Third Member,  
HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent,  
Board of Public Welfare.

# REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1950. All appropriations voted since 1949. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by taxation .....	\$1,251,854.50	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1950 and in 1949 since 1949 Tax Rate was fixed .....	128,715.36	\$1,380,569.86
Deficits due to abatement in excess of overlay of prior years. Chapter 406, Acts of 1943. 1946 .....		2.00
Any other amount required to be raised. (Voted in 1949). ....		5,410.00

## STATE:

	1950 Estimates	1949 Underestimates	
Tax and Assessments			
State Parks & Reservations	\$ 1,622.97	\$523.57	
State Audit of Municipal Account .....	880.15	3.64	
State examination of retirement system .....	83.06		
	<u>\$ 2,586.18</u>	<u>\$527.21</u>	3,113.39

## COUNTY:

Tax and Assessments			
County Tax .....	43,657.87		
Tuberculosis .....	24,459.05		
	<u>\$68,116.92</u>		68,116.92
OVERLAY of Current Year			<u>19,324.70</u>

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,476,536.87

## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Estimated receipts for the year 1950 \$496,368.98

OVERESTIMATES of previous year to  
be used as available funds:

County Tax .....	\$ 2,150.61
Tuberculosis .....	6,457.21

**Amounts Voted to be Taken from  
Available Funds:**

Amounts and dates of approval  
by Commissioner of Corporations  
and Taxation:

\$ 9,731.25—August 30, 1949  
12,251.00—Sept. 1, 1949  
4,883.11—Dec. 28, 1949  
45,850.00—March 27, 1950  
56,000.00—April 27, 1950

\$128,715.36	128,715.36
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<b>Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds</b> .....	633,692.16
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<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property</b> .....	\$842,844.71
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Number of Polls, 5,916 @ \$2.00 each ..	\$ 11,832.00
Total Valuation—Tax Rate \$52.40	
Personal Property .. \$ 2,742,295.00	143,696.26
Real Estate ..... 13,116,750.00	687,317.70
Loss on account of fraction divisions of Tax Rate	—1.25

<b>Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property Items not Entering into the Determination of the Tax Rate:</b>	\$842,844.71
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Betterment & Special Assess- ments added to taxes	
Sewer Assessments in 1950 and interest (unapportioned) .....	\$ 1,876.11
Sewer Assessments in 1950 and interest (apportioned) .....	177.32

<b>Total of all Other Commitments</b> .....	2,053.43
<b>Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls and Property and Assessments Committed to the Collector to date of Tax Rate</b> .....	\$844,898.14

**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:**

Betterment Assessment	
Nov. 13, 1950—Sewer .....	\$ 8,880.33
Warrant to Collector, Nov. 13, 1950 ....	8,880.33
June 8, 1950—32 Polls @ \$2.00 each	64.00

Warrant to Collector, June 8, 1950		64.00
June 12, 1950—Personal Property	41.92	
Warrant to Collector, June 12, 1950		41.92
July 17, 1950—Personal Property	10.48	
Warrant to Collector, July 17, 1950		10.48
Oct. 19, 1950—61 Polls @ \$2.00 each	122.00	
Warrant to Collector, Oct. 19, 1950		122.00
Oct. 31, 1950—Real Estate	15.72	
Warrant to Collector, Oct. 31, 1950		15.72
May 15, 1950—39 Polls @ \$2.00 each	78.00	
Warrant to Collector, May 15, 1950		78.00
Dec. 29, 1950—3 Polls @ \$2.00 each	6.00	
Warrant to Collector, Dec. 29, 1950		6.00
<b>Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate .....</b>	<b>\$15,859,045.00</b>	

<b>Total Warrants to Collector on Polls, Real Estate, Personal, Sewer Assessments for 1950 .....</b>	<b>\$854,116.59</b>
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<b>Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1950 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,851,770.00</b>
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Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1950 ....	99,709.49	
Warrant to Collector for 1950 .....		\$ 99,709.49

<b>Total Assessed Valuation for 1950 Including Motor Vehicles .....</b>	<b>\$18,710,815.00</b>
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<b>Total Warrants to Collector for 1950 .....</b>	<b>\$ 953,826.08</b>
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#### Value of Exempted Property

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals .....	\$1,855,485.00
Town Property .....	1,776,715.00
U. S. Post Office Property .....	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project .....	144,250.00
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	<b>\$3,874,450.00</b>

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed ..... 6,333  
 (Note: One Motor Vehicle of all type for  
 every 2.765 persons or one passenger  
 car for every 3.165 persons in Southbridge.)

Respectfully submitted,  
 CHARLES NORMANDIN,  
 JOSEPH LAFLECHE,  
 RAYMOND BENOIT,  
 Board of Assessors.

# REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1950.

I sprayed the town's trees with DDT with good results. The town's trees should be sprayed twice each year.

I also pruned and removed dead limbs on trees, on various streets where trees needed immediate attention.

All elm wood and logs lying on the ground about town I burned to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease and Elm Bark Beetle.

Eighteen dead trees, on various streets about town that were endangering the public were removed. Also three large stumps.

I cabled four large trees and repaired two bad cavities, and replaced three maple trees.

1950 Appropriation .....		\$2,250.00
Salaries and Wages:		
Tree Warden .....	\$ 313.88	
Labor .....	1,054.06	
Other Expenses:		
Truck Hire .....	384.75	
Power Saw .....	52.00	
Winch .....	70.00	
Trees Sprayed .....	102.00	
Trees Replaced .....	17.25	
Tools (Former Tree Warden's Bill of \$9.81 To Waite Hardware. 4/16/49 dated).	9.81	
Tools .....	72.68	
Drawn out by former Tree Warden .....	173.00	\$2,249.43
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		\$ .57
Storm Damage Appropriation (Emerg.)		\$ 930.00
Salaries and Wages:		
Tree Warden .....	\$ 140.00	
Labor .....	383.38	
Other Expenses:		
Winch Service .....	76.00	
Power Saw .....	43.75	
Truck Hire .....	286.50	\$ 929.88
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Emergency Fund to Spray Town Trees .....		\$1,218.00

Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER J. MASKA,  
Tree Warden.

## GYPSE MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

Last year I found and exterminated 7,220 gypsy moth egg clusters.

Inspection was restricted only to trees under town jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds.

I find the moth situation somewhat better in the areas where we had sprayed the trees.

1950 Appropriation .....		\$400.00
Moth Extermination:		
Salaries and Wages: Superintendent .....	\$165.00	
Labor .....	144.20	
Other Expenses:		
Truck Rental .....	90.80	400.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER J. MASKA,  
Moth Superintendent.

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1950. Giving names of members of the Fire Department. Values of properties under my supervision, Number of fires we responded to, Value of properties where loss occurred. Dates and locations of fires.

We responded to 15 bell alarms and 363 still alarms. Total 378 alarms.

312 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year, total \$16,610.00.

The detail report and budget follows:

Values of buildings .....	\$366,700.00
Loss on buildings .....	12,750.20
Insurance on buildings .....	253,000.00
Insurance paid on buildings .....	12,735.60
Value of contents .....	99,200.00
Loss on contents .....	7,400.40
Insurance on contents .....	36,200.00
Insurance paid on contents .....	4,125.40

## Inventory of the Fire Department

Two fire stations .....	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus .....	30,000.00
Fire department .....	9,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system .....	4,000.00

### Alarms Responded

- Jan. 3—Still alarm at 10.24 A. M. Tenement at 495 Hamilton St. Owned by Frank Nichols. Caused by flooded range burner. Insured.
- Jan. 18—Box 423 at 2.49 P. M. Tenement and fruit stand at 681 Woodstock Rd. Owned by Mrs. Catherine Page. Caused by washing auto parts in gasoline where kerosene stove was lit. Insured.
- Feb. 14—Still alarm at 10.22 A. M. Tenement at 9 Marcy St. Owned by Joseph Hufault. Caused by defective light fixture. Insured.
- Feb. 14—Still alarm at 11.18 A. M. Stores at 292 Hamilton St. Owned by Jack Kennedy. Caused by grounded power line on edge of roof. Insured.
- Feb. 21—Still alarm at 10.10 A. M. Tenement at 45 Oliver St. Owned by Philibert Quevillion. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- March 14—Box 64 at 1.14 P. M. Tenement at 6 Adeline St. Owned by Reginald Farr. Cause unknown. Insured.
- March 14—Box 64 at 1.14 P. M. Tenement at 4 Adeline St. Owned by Reginald Farr, Jr. Caused by heat from fire at 6 Adeline St. Insured.
- March 17—Box 32 at 8.01 A. M. Tenement at 130 Hamilton St. Owned by Michael Morrill. Caused by washing floor with gasoline. Insured.
- April 8—Still alarm at 10.35 A. M. Garage at 97 Everett St. Owned by G. R. Lariviere. Caused by incinerator. Insured.
- May 7—Still alarm at 3.55 P. M. Tenement at Golf Rd. Owned by Peter Graf. Caused by a short circuited transformer. Insured.
- May 22—Still alarm at 147 Cliff St at 7.02 P. M. Tenement owned by Oswald Cloutier. Caused by removing paint with paint remover. Insured.
- May 30—Box 34 at 10.13 P. M. Gas station at 23 Elm St. Owned by Gulf Refining Co. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.

- June 12—Still alarm at 3.06 A. M. Tenement at 414 Main St. Owned by Bazil Frenier Estate. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- June 18—Still alarm at 8.15 A. M. Tenement at 864 Woodstock Rd. Owned by Armand St. Martin. Caused by sun's ray on milk bottle. Insured.
- Aug. 10—Still alarm at 10.05 P. M. Store at 31-33 Hamilton St. Owned by Louis Shambaum. Caused by motor for air-condition unit. Insured.
- Aug. 22—Box 412 at 7.45 P. M. Barn on Dennison Drive. Owned by Walter O'Hop. Caused by children playing with matches.
- Oct. 11—Still alarm at 5.34 P. M. Garage at 57 Green Ave. Owned by Guerino Palmerino. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Oct. 12—Still alarm at 4.18 P. M. Tenement at 115 North St. Owned by Romeo Bonnette. Caused by rubbish in waste basket. Insured.
- Oct. 26—Still alarm at 8.52 P. M. Store at 207 Mechanic St. Owned by Robert Lakin. Caused by cigarette. Insured.
- Oct. 26—Still alarm at 10.58 A. M. Church at North St. Owned by St. George Greek Parish. Caused by candles setting fire to drapes. Insured.
- Nov. 20—Still alarm at 2.10 P. M. Tenement at 32 North St. Owned by Henry St. Cyr. Caused by pot burner explosion. Insured.
- Nov. 23—Still alarm at 7.40 A. M. Tenement at 112 Hamilton St. Owned by Franklin B. Hamblin. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Dec. 2—Still alarm at 7.35 P. M. Tenement at 25 Blanchard Dr. Owned by Joseph Seremet. Caused by carelessly dropped cigarette inside the wall. Insured.
- Dec. 30.—Still alarm at 10.10 A. M. Tenement at 51 Main St. Owned by John DeFederico. Caused by defective wiring on Christmas tree. Insured.

## **ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Chief** ..... Oswald Meunier  
**Deputy Chief** ..... Daniel Daniels

### **Permanent Firemen**

Captain Emile Caouette	Lieut. Archie Langevin
Harry Gendron	Edward Boucher      Edward McNally

Ovila Donais	Biago Puccilli	Romeo Mathieu
Ernest Collette	Rodolphe Arpin	Napoleon White
Henry Desourdy	Adrien Pouliot	Jean St. Amant
Arthur Marand	Victor Caouette	

### Callmen Hose No. 1

Captain Ernest Lippe	Lieut. Stewart Casavant
Clarence Blais	Thomas Mannis
Lionel Peloquin	Gerard Fontaine
Leopold Langlois	George Hogan
Armand Dumas	Ernest Tremblay

### Callmen Aerial No. 1

Captain Eugene Blais	Lieut. Napoleon Blais
Romeo Lippe	Norman Larochelle
Armand Durocher	Louis Ciprari
William Berry	Raymond Dartt
	Archie Ruzzoli

### Callmen Hose No. 2

Captain Adelard Lepage	Lieut. Eugene Gaumond
Alexander Daigle	Roy Proulx
Aime Ravenelle	Archie Matte
Armand Gibeault	George Plouffe

**Supt. of Fire Alarm** ..... Norman Larochelle

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Permits

Transporting Gasoline .....	6
High Explosives .....	8
Range Oil Burners .....	226
Power Oil Burners .....	164
Open Air Permits .....	462
Removal of Gasoline Tanks .....	15
Decorations .....	27
Bottled Gas Permits .....	32

### Inspections

Stores .....	193
Hotels and Boarding Houses .....	50
Tenement Houses .....	1812
Range Oil Burners .....	226
Power Oil Burners .....	164
Clubs and Cafes .....	108
Locked Out .....	18
Complaints .....	90

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department, wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,  
ARCHIE LANGEVIN, (Clerk.)

## FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 45 alarms for forest fires in 1950.

Fire Warden's salary .....\$200.00

There were 462 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

One forest fire pump with 2,500 ft. of 1½ in. hose .....	\$1,500.00
2,800 ft. of 1 in. hose .....	1,400.00
6—1½ inch shut-off nozzles .....	125.00
6—1-inch shut-off nozzles .....	120.00
8 open end nozzles .....	54.00
1—½-ton Ford truck .....	1,000.00
1—1-ton Ford truck .....	150.00
23—2½ gallon extinguishers .....	161.00
14—Indian fire pumps .....	175.00
2—2½ gallon hand pumps .....	30.00
3—10-quart pails .....	2.50
Twenty brooms .....	20.00
Two shovels .....	2.00
12 reducers .....	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

### Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Harry Michaels	Archie Langevin
Albert Servant	Emile Caouette	Rosario Bellerose
Romeo Lippe	Joseph Mandeville	

## AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$800.00 made for this department.

In 1950 the Ambulance Department has collected \$1,709.50.

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips:

Out of town trips at no charge

Public Welfare .....	8
Abated .....	6
No charge .....	2
Board of Health .....	2
Veteran's Aid .....	2
Southbridge .....	306
Worcester .....	72
Sturbridge .....	53
Charlton .....	25
Fiskdale .....	15
Boston .....	10
Grafton .....	5
Holland .....	5
Dudley .....	4
Brimfield .....	4
West Boylston .....	4
Millbury .....	3
Framingham .....	3
Dodge .....	3
Providence .....	3
Spencer .....	2
Wrentham .....	2
East Brimfield .....	2
Chelsea .....	1
Fall River .....	1
Webster .....	1
Lexington .....	1
Mattapan .....	1
North Oxford .....	1
West Roxbury .....	1
Tewksbury .....	1
Warren .....	1
Quinebaug .....	1
Pittsfield .....	1
West Dudley .....	1

Middleboro .....	1
East Woodstock .....	1
Ayer .....	1
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Total Trips for 1950 .....	536

#### **Inventory of the Ambulance Department**

1 Cadillac Ambulance .....	\$5,000.00
1 Ford Ambulance .....	400.00
2 Spare Tires .....	35.00
2 Folding Stretchers .....	60.00
1 Orthopatic Stretcher .....	60.00
2 First Aid Kits .....	10.00
13 Blankets .....	65.00
2 Flame Proof Blankets .....	90.00
12 Sheets .....	12.00
15 Pillow Cases .....	11.25
3 Pillows .....	7.50

### **VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its fifth report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance .....	15
Burial .....	12
Civil Service .....	14
Compensation .....	71
Discharge	
Copy .....	307
Recorded .....	25
Education, Training, Rehabilitation .....	189
Employment .....	39
Filing for Bonus .....	1
Flags .....	6
Hospitalization .....	65
Housing .....	26
Insurance .....	168
Legal .....	12
Loans .....	14
Medical-Dental .....	303

Miscellaneous .....	1445
Notarization .....	318
Pensions .....	43
Photostat .....	192
Readjustment Allowance .....	2
Social Security .....	29
Taxes .....	62
Unemployment Compensation .....	35
Veterans' Benefits	
Temporary Cases .....	64
Permanent Cases .....	36
Selective Service Act .....	114

This office operates under Chapter 115 and Chapter 584 of the General Laws to determine proper expenditures of Veterans' Benefits.

During 1950 this Department approved aid to benefit sixty-four temporary cases and thirty-six permanent cases.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans' Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, local industries and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL H. BENOIT, Director.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 4th, following town elections and organized as follows:

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman,

Dr. Robert DeJordy, Clerk,

Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity.

We had twelve regular meetings, four special meetings and two public hearings.

We are pleased to report that the reorganization program effected last year has resulted in a more effective use of the department's facilities and a more efficient and functional health program for the town. We are now making fuller use than ever of the highly trained personnel of the department.

During the early part of the year, we organized classes for the Food Handlers of Southbridge, with instructors from Amherst State College and from the State Department of Public Health. Following this we inaugurated a program of strict enforcement of the laws and regulations governing the handling, storage and cleanliness of food and drink and sanitation of establishments engaged in this business. The results have been very gratifying.

A more detailed account of the activities of the department can be found in the reports of the personnel of the Board.

We thank all who have been instrumental in helping us with our work and ask for cooperation and assistance to make our town a cleaner, healthier and happier place to live.

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND HALING, M.D.,  
ROBERT DEJORDY, D.S.C.,  
HENRY DEMERS,

Members of Board of Health.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOOT EXAMINATION

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1950. A total of 1,046 children were examined in the three Parochial Schools and a brief talk on foot health and hygiene was given to the eighth grade pupils of each school, bearing in mind that this program is primarily one of preventive medicine and that education in proper foot care will prevent many of the foot ills so commonly seen in later life.

Another step forward was made when we designed and put into use this year a separate chiropody examination card on which is recorded the results of the child's foot examination from year to year. This will make for a better follow-up system as well as a permanent record of the child's foot health throughout his school years.

Following is a classification of defects found in the examination:

General Posture .....	21
Skin .....	116
Nails .....	72
Orthopedic Conditions .....	96
Hygiene .....	42

The defects in these general classifications are further broken down to specific conditions on the examination record cards.

The school nurse sent out 187 notices to parents calling their attention to the results of their children's foot examination. In many instances we were able to include recommendations for better posture, hygiene or nail care.

Our thanks go to the school nurse, the school authorities, and the parents for their interest and cooperation in this effort to have the children walk in comfort and in health.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. DEJORDY, D.S.C.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health  
Gentlemen:

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets .....	183
Lavatories .....	193
Bath Tubs .....	132
Kitchen Sinks .....	136
Laundry Trays .....	17
Sink and Tray Combinations .....	19
Shower Stalls .....	20
Urinals .....	3
Garbage Grinders .....	4
Clothes Washing Machines .....	25
Dish Washing Machines .....	5
Industrial and Laboratory Sinks .....	4
Bar and Soda Fountain Sinks .....	4
Water Pumps .....	1
Indirect and Tankless Water Heaters .....	30
Gas, Oil and Electric Water Heaters .....	46
Hot Water Coils .....	6
Hot Water Tanks (Range Boilers) .....	28
Floor Drains .....	4
Air Conditioning Units .....	1
Drinking Fountains .....	1
Sterilizers .....	1
Autopsy Tables .....	1
Dental Cuspidors .....	1
Slop Sinks .....	1
Total Fixtures and Appliances .....	866

In addition, there were 8 connections to public sewers from cesspools or septic tanks.

Where no public sewers were available, 3 cesspools were constructed and 23 septic tanks were installed with drainage fields.

We also issued 9 permits for minor repairs requiring permits.

Number of Permits Granted .....	222
Number of Inspections Made .....	894
Number of Water Tests Conducted .....	59
Unfinished Jobs on December 31st .....	32

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Plumbing.

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF FOOD**

**The Sanitation of Eating and Drinking Establishments**  
To the Honorable Board of Health  
Gentlemen:

In January we organized and held a food and drink handlers' course of instruction which was attended by 152 owners and operators.

In the same month we conducted lectures on applied bacteriology to the biology class from the Mary E. Wells High School under Mr. Edward Desroches.

During the year we made 264 equipment inspections and performed the necessary tests indicative of the efficiency of washing and sterilizing methods. More time was spent in individual establishments where conditions required special corrective measures.

The results of these inspections and tests were more satisfactory than in former years, and although great improvements were accomplished in the majority of establishments, we still have a few where structural alterations are the prime requisite to the application of proper methods of food and drink handling.

We have used our new inspection and grading forms and our new posters and found them to be most helpful in improving conditions in numerous establishments.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector.

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the work accomplished as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1950.

I collected milk and cream samples from 14 vehicle dealers, 92 dairy farms and at our 5 local processing plants. At various times samples were also taken from stores, restaurants, lunch counters, etc.

Number of Samples Collected—692 (586 previous to July 28th.).  
Tests for Butter Fats—686 samples tested; 35 samples were below the legal standard of 3.35%.

Tests for Solids—517 samples tested; 162 samples were below the legal standard of 12.00% for total solids.

Tests for Acidity—121 samples tested; 41 samples were in the process of souring due to improper cooling.

Phosphatase Test—128 samples tested; 4 were found to be insufficiently pasteurized.

Microscopic Bacteria Count—598 examinations; 184 samples had counts higher than the A. P. H. A. standards.

Mastitis Test—(Microscopic examinations of smears from suspected milk or cream cultures) 97 samples were examined of which 11 samples were positive.

Store and Vehicle Milk and Cream Licenses granted .....	76
Oleomargarine Registrations and Licenses granted .....	31
Number of visits made to dairy farms .....	164
Number of visits made to Milk Plants .....	126

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Milk.

## REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Herein is my yearly report of Slaughtering for the year January 1st to December 31st, 1950.

I was present at two slaughtering houses and inspected and stamped the following:

Cattle .....	17
Calves .....	43
Goats .....	5
Sheep .....	3
Hogs .....	86

Of the above number of animals slaughtered I had no rejections.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALCIDE FOURNIER,  
Inspector.

## **REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

To the Board of Health, Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The results of the annual inspection of pupils in the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

### **St. Mary's School—Number Examined, 184**

List of Defects:

Defects requiring notices .....	33
Carious teeth .....	56
Hypertrophied tonsils .....	24
Tonsils under observation .....	18
Tonsils removed .....	7
Vision corrected with glasses .....	9

### **Notre Dame School—Number Examined, 504**

Defects requiring notices .....	156
Carious teeth .....	192
Hypertrophied tonsils .....	72
Tonsils under observation .....	62
Tonsils removed .....	26
Vision corrected with glasses .....	19
Cerumen .....	4
Enlarged cervical glands .....	10
Heart condition .....	1

**Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School—Number Examined, 295**

Defects requiring notices .....	80
Carious teeth .....	98
Hypertrophied tonsils .....	40
Tonsils under observation .....	23
Tonsils removed .....	10
Eye squint .....	1
Vision corrected with glasses .....	6
Ear condition under treatment .....	1
Cerumen .....	1
Acne .....	3
Enlarged cervical glands .....	5

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

**REPORT OF AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health for 1950, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox .....	84	Scarlet Fever .....	6
Diphtheria .....	1	Mumps .....	7
Whooping Cough .....	4	Pulmonary	
Dogbite .....	31	Tuberculosis .....	5
Influenza .....	2		
Total .....			140

List of deaths in the Town for the year 1950, for which this office has issued burial permits.

**Diseases of the Circulatory System**

Acute Heart Failure .....	5
Acute Coronary Occlusion .....	6
Arteriosclerosis .....	14
Congestive Heart Disease .....	4
Coronary Thrombosis .....	34
Coronary Sclerosis .....	1
Hypertensive Heart Disease .....	3
Chronic Myocarditis .....	2
Myocardial Failure .....	5
Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease .....	3

### Diseases of the Nervous System

Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	19
Cerebral Thrombosis .....	2
Infarct Emboli .....	1

### Diseases of the Digestive System

Acute Gastro-Enteritis .....	1
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	6
Cancer of Stomach .....	7
Cancer of Pancreas .....	2
Cancer of Colon .....	2
Intestinal Obstruction .....	1

### Diseases of the Respiratory System

Cancer of Lung .....	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia .....	3
Broncho Pneumonia .....	3
Lobar Pneumonia .....	2
Cancer of Pharynx .....	1
Pulmonary Embolism .....	5
Pulmonary Infarct .....	1

### Diseases of the Gentio-Urinary System

Adenocarcinoma of the Breast .....	2
Carcinoma of Bladder .....	3
Carcinoma of Ovaries .....	2
Carcinoma of Kidney .....	1
Cancer of Prostate .....	1
Urenia .....	1
Cancer of the Spleen .....	1
Renal Failure .....	1

### All Others

Drowning, Suicide .....	1
Accidental Drowning .....	1
Accident, Fractured Skull .....	2
Accidental, Asphyxiation .....	2
Prematurity .....	12
Stillborn .....	7
Burns .....	1
Gangrene of Both Legs .....	1
Ewing Tumor .....	1
Eclampsia .....	1

Total .....	175
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Respectfully submitted,  
ERNEST TETREAULT, Agent.

## REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31st, 1950.

I received, during the year, 57 complaints. All were investigated.

### Permits and Licenses Issued

Day School .....	1
Boarding House for the Aged .....	1
Vapor Bath .....	1
Convalescent and Nursing Home .....	1
Non-Alcoholic Beverage .....	1
Slaughter House .....	2
Funeral Director .....	5
Anti-Freeze .....	43
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Total .....	55

Respectfully submitted,  
ERNEST TETREAULT,  
Sanitary Inspector.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1950.

### Tuberculosis Clinics

Our consultation chest clinics operated according to schedule from January 1st to August 1st. Members of the Rutland State Sanatorium medical staff X-rayed and examined two hundred and fourteen patients, representing twenty-three towns and thirteen physicians.

After nearly seventeen years, the clinics were discontinued. This service was organized by the State Department of Public Health, and sponsored by the Board of Health to accommodate patients and assist physicians not only in this town but for ten other small communities in the immediate vicinity. The first clinic opened April 19, 1933, and continued till June 16, 1937, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital. However, the growth of the clinic and transportation of equipment made it impossible to carry on at the hospital, and permanent quarters were then

established in the Town Hall in the Board of Health rooms. During this period, three thousand seven hundred and eighteen patients were X-rayed and examined, with the Board of Health nurse doing the follow-up on the local cases, and keeping all records on file for the out-of-town patients.

At the present time patients needing chest X-rays, will receive this service at the Worcester County Sanatorium in Boylston, Mass. They operate weekly clinics, Tuesday and Thursday—8:30 to 10:30 A. M.

### **Diphtheria Immunization Clinics**

Our annual Toxoid clinics were held on the following dates—February 17th, March 9th-30th, and April 27th. One hundred and sixteen received three injections, three weeks apart, and one hundred and ninety-two were given Booster dose. Since 1946 when the incidence of diphtheria increased, the State Department of Public Health considered it advisable to further protect all children who had been previously immunized. Every child from eight months to twelve years of age should be immunized and followed up every three years with a booster dose. To the best of our knowledge, 70% of the children entering the kindergarten have been immunized, and 51% of the first grade pupils.

### **Dental Clinics**

A program for healthy teeth and gums, is dependent upon and results in, better general health. Realizing the importance of dental health we would like to broaden our service to include the eleven to thirteen year age group, and also, to care for and treat the temporary teeth.

In regard to this matter, we interviewed the dental hygienist from the State Department of Health, to help us revise our program. After considering our present financial set-up, it seemed impossible to alter our procedure. However, we made one minor change in our regular schedule. This consisted of having the dentist on duty report to the schools to examine the children's teeth, in the first four grades. The results of the screening enables us to admit the children who needed special attention. This method allowed the dentist more time to concentrate on dental repair work.

Sixty-four clinics were maintained during the year, by the Board of Health. Four hundred and fifty-two children were admitted, and three hundred and twenty-four had their teeth cleaned, and three hundred and six had fillings.

## Registration Clinics for Pre-School Children

During the week of May 8th, two hundred and seventy-six children registered to enter school in the Fall, either kindergarten, or first grade. Children four years eight months, for the kindergarten, and five years eight months for the first grade.

Registration consisted of charting the height and weight, personal history, and name and birth date of other pre-school children in the family. All children who reported to the clinic were advised to have a physical examination as soon as possible by their family physician. The results to be recorded on a special blank, and returned to the Board of Health office. Those wishing to return to the clinic, were given an appointment, to be examined by the Public or Parochial school physicians, and a dentist from the dental clinic staff.

Nine hundred and eighty-seven parochial school children were examined by the medical inspector, assisted by the nurse. The findings were recorded on the physical record card, compiled by the State Department of Education and Health. Each defect found is rated according to the required standards, and recorded in the following code: 0—Normal; 1—Observation; 2—Needs Attention; 3—Needs Immediate Attention. A defect recorded as 2 is always reported to the parents, requesting them to consult their family physician.

Home visits were made whenever necessary, mostly for follow-up of physical examination, to advise parents as to procedure for correction of defects and general information.

A vision and hearing test was conducted for the elementary and high school pupils in St. Mary's school. Two hundred and thirteen had their eyes examined, eight of this number wore glasses, and twenty-one failed to make a perfect score.

For the hearing test during the past years, we have used the group phonograph speech type, called 4c-Audiometer. After considerable investigation, the Committee on Conservation of Hearing of the Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology recommended the group pure tone test. The pure tone test detects the presence of significant losses, which are not revealed by the phonograph speech screening. A combination of the speech and pure tone instruments owned by the School and Health Departments, produced the proper equipment at a minimum cost.

One hundred and sixty children were tested, twenty-nine failed in one ear to make a perfect score, and ten with both ears on the first test. The whole group, with the exception of one, passed the retest, allowing two errors for each ear.

Dr. Robert W. DeJordy, podiatrist, examined all the pupils in the parochial schools. Separate notices of defects were sent to the parents.

Sixty-one parochial school children were supplied with a mid-morning milk lunch donated by the Lion's Club. This gesture is highly appreciated by the children and parents.

The sale of Christmas seals made it possible for us to send four boys to the Sterling Health Camp for eight weeks. These candidates were selected from a group who fulfilled the requirements, keeping in mind tuberculosis contacts and undernourished children. Each child gained weight, as the result of good health habits, regular hours of rest, play and well prepared meals. Funds from the same source supplied a nurse to assist at the tuberculosis clinic for seven months.

Two years ago, the State Department of Public Health revised the quarantine and isolation requirements for communicable diseases. Quarantine was eliminated in some instances and isolation period shortened. There are forty-six reportable diseases in this state, quarantine is required for only five.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever were reported to the Board of Health office. The nurse visited the homes, placarded and gave instructions as to procedure of care and precautions for the household.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1950.

Permits issued for new buildings .....	61
Permits issued for additions to already erected buildings ..	41
Permits issued for additions to old wiring .....	52
Permits issued for oil burners .....	104
Permits issued for ranges .....	73
Permits issued for water heaters .....	27

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Total permits issued in 1950 ..... 835

Inspections while work is in progress .....	1143
Recommendations to change wiring .....	31
Respectfully submitted, CLARENCE A. BACHAND, Inspector of Wires.	

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Honorable Sirs:

Herewith I submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1950.

On behalf of retired Chief of Police Ulric Brault, members of our department and myself, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all town departments and the citizens of our community in the year 1950.

Complaints made in District Court 569; Males 549; Females 19; Juveniles 1.

Breaking, entering and larceny .....	10
Assault .....	2
Breaking and entering to commit larceny .....	2
Attempt to commit larceny .....	4
Using Motor Vehicle without authority .....	5
Violation of lottery laws .....	5
Violation of motor vehicle laws .....	129
Neglect, desertion, non-support .....	5
Peddling without a license .....	2
Violation of traffic laws .....	179
Tramps, vagabonds, vagrants .....	10
Violation of Court Order .....	11
Leaving scene of accident .....	7
Violation of Town By-Laws .....	5
Delinquency .....	1
Disturbance of public peace .....	7
Operating so as to endanger .....	5
Driving while intoxicated .....	21
Drunkenness .....	237
False Alarms .....	1
Gaming, present at gaming .....	4
Doors, windows found unlocked or open .....	374

Persons reported missing and located .....	16
Cars reported stolen and recovered .....	13
Radio calls sent out from station .....	766
Parking violations, summons issued .....	694
Personal injury accidents reported .....	43
Accidents reported—Pedestrians, bicycles, sleds .....	18
Property damage accidents reported .....	79
Night lodging given to travelers .....	90
Murder, Assault and Attempt to .....	1

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Total ..... 2746

569 Arrests made on criminal complaints

Stolen property recovered ..... \$332.30

Stolen property not recovered ..... 770.90

Respectfully submitted,  
OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,  
Acting Chief of Police.

# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1950.

## Taxes: Levy of 1948

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$	5.20
Payments to Treasurer .....		5.20

## Taxes: Levy of 1949

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$	38,362.23
Tax Title Disclaimer .....		70.00
Taxes in error .....		4.73

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\$ 38,436.96

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	36,947.30
Abated .....		78.80
Tax Tile .....		340.48
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....		1,070.38

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\$ 38,436.96

## Taxes: Levy of 1950

Commitments from Assessors .....		\$843,182.83
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$796,388.41	
Abatements .....	7,984.34	
Tax Title .....	284.52	
Outstanding Dec. 31 .....	38,672.36	

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\$843,329.63

Refunds paid .....	\$	146.80	\$843,182.83
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## Commitment of exempted taxes for

1941 to 1948 inclusive .....	\$	689.36
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	689.36

## Excise Taxes: Levy of 1949

Outstanding Jan. 1 .....	\$	1,725.35
Warrant of Jan. 9 .....		651.06
Warrant of Jan. 20 .....		36.68
Error in abatement .....		.07

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\$ 2,413.16

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 2,207.81	
In Bankruptcy Courts .....	140.49	
Abated .....	93.37	
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	\$ 2,441.67	
Refunds .....	\$ 28.58	\$ 2,413.16
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1950 .....		\$ 99,709.49
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 90,449.08	
Abated .....	4,617.24	
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....	5,766.75	
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	\$100,833.07	
Refunds .....	\$ 1,123.58	\$ 99,709.49
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1949		
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....		\$ 2,056.38
Payments to Treasurer .....		\$ 2,056.38
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Sewer Assessments Int.: Levy of 1949		
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....		\$ 172.16
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 161.89	
State Account .....	10.27	\$ 172.16
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1950 .....		\$ 1,922.12
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 1,313.50	
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....	608.62	\$ 1,922.12
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Sewer Assessment Int.: Levy of 1950		\$ 131.31
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 96.83	
Outstanding Jan. 1 .....	34.48	\$ 131.31
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Special Sewers: Levy of 1950 .....		\$ 8,880.33
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$ 2,862.82	
Certification to Annual Taxes .....	4,309.26	
Abated .....	1,708.25	\$ 8,880.33
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Special Sewers: Levy of 1947 .....	\$	110.20
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	110.20
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Apportioned Sewer Assessments of 1951, 1952 and 1953 .....	\$	77.45
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	77.45
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Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments:		
Sewer Assessments of 1947 .....	\$	8.60
Levy of 1948: Personal Interest .....		.28
Levy of 1949:		
Personal Tax .....		72.80
Real Estate Tax .....		785.20
Excise Tax Interest .....		4.70
Demands .....		1.75
Costs of Sale .....		14.04
Added Sewer Interest .....		55.57
Levy of 1950:		
Personal Tax Interest .....		8.53
Real Estate Interest .....		61.16
Excise Tax Interest .....		6.77
Demands .....		102.90
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	\$	1,122.30
Grand Total Collected in 1950 .....	\$	934,488.53

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials  
for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MEDERIC DUHAMEL,  
Tax Collector.

## REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year 1950:

### **Planned, Laid Out, Inspection of New Construction**

Belmont Street Sewer	Durfee St. Regrading
Locust Avenue Sewer	West St. and Alumni
Woodycrest Avenue Sewer	Field Drain
Kingsley Street Sewer	North St. Drain
Oliver St. Sidewalk	Morris St. Resurfacing
North St. Walk and Curb	Charlton St. Resurfacing
Dennison Dr. Reconstruction	River St. School Retaining Wall
Curtis St. Reconstruction	Marcy St. Sch. Retaining Wall
Dresser St. Reconstruction	Swimming Pool Retaining Wall
Goddard Ct. Reconstruction	Sandersdale Bridge Redecked
Westwood Pkwy. Regrading	Laying Out of Henry St.
Eastford Rd. Regrading	Ballfield
Fairmount Ave. Regrading	

### **New Streets Laid Out**

Westwood Parkway	Dennison Drive
Corriveau Avenue	Columbia Street
Jennison Street	

As in previous years, much time was spent in giving street lines to property owners for building walls, fences and walks and to the Gas and Electric Company for setting poles. Lines and grades were also given to the Southbridge Water Supply Company for the laying of pipes. In accordance with the new State Law passed in regard to voting, every building in Southbridge was given a street number.

\$2,868.83 was turned back to the Town on the four (4) sewer jobs constructed by contract, namely: Locust, Belmont, Woodycrest and Kingsley Streets. A balance of \$2,153.85 was also turned back to the Town on the following work under our supervision: North Street Walk, Dennison Drive Reconstruction, Westwood Parkway Regrading, Eastford Road Regrading, Fairmount Avenue Regrading, Durfee Street Regrading and North Street Drain. \$1,797.25 was also turned back from the Engineering Department Salary and Other Expense Accounts.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your Board and all other Boards, Committees and Departments for their cooperation and consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
BENJAMIN F. TULLY,  
Acting Town Engineer.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Road Commissioners wish to submit the following report for the year ended December 31, 1950.

The following streets were graveled, reshaped and rolled.

Jennison Street	Kingsley Street
Airport Road	Locust Avenue
Haskell Road	Breakneck Road
School Street	

The following streets were graveled, reshaped, rolled and penetrated with MC-1 Asphalt and sealed with MC-3 Asphalt:

Guelph Woods Road	Hudson Avenue
Roumanian Avenue	Dennison Drive
Eastford Road	Town Dump Road
Blackmer Road	Cisco Street
Blanchard Drive	Franklin Terrace
Litchfield Avenue	Fiske Street

## Special Projects

### BELMONT STREET GRADING:

This street was excavated to grade and graveled. Catch basins and manholes were reset to grade.

### GODDARD STREET WIDENING:

This street was excavated the full width from Main street to Dupaul Street instead of half the width as specified. Catch basins and manholes were reset to grade. Graveled and rolled, penetrated with MC-1 Asphalt and sealed with RC-2 Asphalt and pea stone cover.

### CURTIS STREET RESURFACE:

This street was excavated the full width from Marcy street to Franklin Street. A considerable amount of blasting was required to bring this street to grade. Retaining walls were built along the abutting properties, graveled, rolled and penetrated with MC-1 Asphalt and sealed with RC-2 Asphalt and covered with pea stone, also reset catch basins and manholes to grade.

### WEST STREET AND ALUMNI FIELD DRAIN:

Eighteen-inch reinforced concrete pipe drain was laid and catch basins and manholes built. The street was penetrated with MC-1 Asphalt and sealed with MC-3.

#### WEST STREET AND LOCUST AVENUE DRAIN:

This street was excavated and widened. Tree stumps were removed. Graveled and rolled, sealed with MC-3 and penetrated with MC-1 Asphalt.

#### MORRIS STREET:

We removed three inches of surface from this street and replaced it with new gravel, shaped and rolled it. Reset catch basins and manholes. Penetrated with MC-1 and sealed with MC-3 Asphalt with sand cover. Sealed a second time with RC-3 Asphalt and pea stone cover.

#### DURFEE STREET:

We removed trees, graded and graveled this street.

#### FAIRMONT STREET:

Removed ledge, graded and graveled this street.

#### WESTWOOD PARKWAY:

Shaped and rolled, graveled and penetrated with MC-1 and sealed with MC-3 Asphalt.

Our equipment was increased with the addition of a new truck. We also installed a sand storage unit in the Highway yard. This bin will speed up sanding considerably.

In concluding we wish to state that all our efforts as Road Commissioners have been to fulfill our duties to the satisfaction of your Board and the citizens of Southbridge. We also wish to thank all other Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANTHONI CIESLA,  
GEORGE LAFLECHE,  
ALBERT J. ARSENAULT,  
Road Commissioners.

# REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Southbridge Planning Board, has, as in the past, given every citizen the protection of the health, safety, convenience, morals and welfare, in regard to planning and zoning in the Town of Southbridge.

The Planning Board wishes to thank the people of Southbridge for their cooperation in accepting our new official zoning map, as brought up to date.

We have recommended stop signs at the corner of Guelphwood Road and Charlton Street.

The Board held the following hearings for zone changes:

From the corner of Charlton Street and Guelphwood Road running north to Faulkner Avenue, thence easterly to land of Sylvio Proulx, thence southerly to said corner of Guelphwood Road and Charlton Street, be changed from a two-family district to a retail business district.

Zone change from Fairlawn Street, running south on Charlton Street, a distance of 1,000 feet, be changed from a two-family district to a retail business district.

Zone change on the Dudley River Road from the Southbridge Finishing Co., a distance of 8,000 feet, more or less, be changed from a single family district to a heavy industry district.

The Board gave conditional approval on the following subdivisions, to the Town of Southbridge for land on Worcester Street, known as Section A Worcester Villa; also to

Mr. Joseph Piasta for a sub-division on old Sturbridge Road.

The Planning Board recommended No Parking signs on Henry Street, from the Bibeau property running west to the last house on said street; also on Snow Street, from Worcester Street to the corner of Moon Street, then from the corner of Moon Street and Snow Street, running north on the easterly side of Moon Street to the home of Ulric Arsenault.

With regrets we accepted the resignation of Raoul Gaulin as a member of the Planning Board, due to business.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, Albert J. Bishop, a World War veteran, was appointed to fill in the unexpired term until March.

At the present time the Planning Board is working on a master plan.

For the purpose of promoting the Health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of Southbridge, the Planning Board recommends the following projects:

We recommend that the Selectmen take, by eminent domain, a piece of land about 300 feet in length and 40 feet wide, running between Mill Street and Pleasant Street to make a street through this land to lessen the traffic congestion.

We recommend the extension of Cohasse Street from the present end to join with Morris Street, to relieve traffic from our Main Street, at rush hours, by routing auto traffic from Lebanon Park, Eastford Road area, and Hillside Park to East Main Street.

We recommend that the Main Street hills be relieved of trucks and trailers so that optional truck route signs be erected at the Globe end of Route 131, near the property of Dr. Wilfred Seguin at the point of Hamilton Street and Main Street, directing trucks and trailers around Hamilton Street, and other signs be erected at the corner of Main Street, near the Church on corner of Hamilton Street to direct to Route 131 at Globe Village.

We recommend that the Town Clock be appropriately illuminated so that it may be read at night, similar to the clock in the American Optical Co. tower, the Town Clock in Webster and the City Hall clock in Worcester.

We, the present members of the Planning Board, wish at this time to thank all town officials and the citizens of the Town of Southbridge for their cooperation in helping us with our work during the year of 1950.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCIS N. BISHOP, Chairman,  
BERNARD L. RAIMONDO, Sec'y.,  
ALBERT J. BISHOP,  
EDMUND A. RYAN,  
GEORGE DUQUETTE,  
Planning Board.

# REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1950.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000 lbs. ....		6	
100-5,000 lbs. ....	1	80	1
Under 100 lbs. ....	1	192	
5,000-10,000 lbs. ....		2	
Weights .....	3	345	
Yard Measures .....		13	
Liquid Measures .....		38	
Meters 1" or less .....	3	75	2
Vehicle Tanks .....	8	32	
Gasoline Pumps .....		3	
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## Trial Weights of Commodities:

	Tested	Correct	Over	Under
Bread .....	96	96		
Butter .....	25	25		
Confectionery .....	80	72	6	1
Flour .....	40	38		2
Fruits and Vegetables	25	25		
Lard .....	10	10		
Meats and Provisions ..	97	80	16	1
Potatoes .....	20	20		
Peddlers' Licenses .....		15		
Bread Markings .....		96		
Retest Meters .....		5		

Total Amount Collected ..... \$421.50

Respectfully submitted,  
G. R. LARIVIERE, Sealer.

# REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my report as of May 1st to Dec. 31st, 1950.

I quarantined 21 dogs, none of which turned out to have rabies. I investigated 2 cases of diseased cats, neither one serious. I took the yearly census of farmers, which information I turned over to the Division of Livestock Disease Control of Boston.

I personally inspected every barn and found them in very good condition. I have done the above work to the best of my ability and I hope it has been satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALCIDE FOURNIER,  
Inspector of Animals.

## DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The following is a resume of the activity of the Department of Civil Defense since organization.

Under an act of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1950, Chapter 639 was enacted and approved as of July 20, 1950. This act is to "Provide for the safety of the Commonwealth during the existence of an emergency resulting from Disaster or from Hostile Action."

The Governor issued Executive Order No. 1 the eighth of September which requires that each municipality shall establish a Department of Civil Defense and appoint a Director thereof. On Sept. 25th, the Board of Selectmen appointed the undersigned, who was duly sworn in on the sixth of October, 1950.

At a Special Town Meeting held on the 18th of December, 1950, a small sum was appropriated to carry on the work of organization, until the Annual Town Meeting in March.

A small group of citizens have generously given their time in planning an adaptable form of organization for Southbridge.

It is hoped that in February of 1951 a call for Volunteers can be issued to obtain personnel to participate in the various activities of the Defense Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD L. CHAPIN, Director.

# REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

## REPORT ON BAND CONCERTS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

The sum of \$500.00 was voted for Band Concerts. This amount was matched by the local Musician's Union. Plans were made to have nine concerts and a teen-age dance. Concerts were played by the Sons of Italy Band under the direction of Antonio Orsini. Concerts were played at the Mechanic Street School, Globe Fire Station, Swimming Pool, Dresser Street Field and Memorial Park, Elm Street. The concerts that were held at Memorial Park were the best attended.

The season's program was completed with a teen-age dance at the Town Hall with a large attendance. Ray Bouvier's Orchestra played for dancing.

I would like to thank the men who were responsible for making this program the success that it was. Antonio Orsini, the director of our concerts, for getting such a fine group of musicians, Mr. Charles Normandin, chief of the A. O. Fire Department and his men for supplying the band stand, chairs and erecting of lights, and Mr. Adelard Desrosiers, Secretary of the local Musician's Union, whose ideas and suggestions made this program possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
LORENZO BEAUPRE,  
Chairman, Recreation Committee.

## REPORT OF THE ALUMNI FIELD COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee  
Dear Sir:

Following is an annual report of activities at Alumni Field for the year 1950.

Upon completion of plans by the general Recreation Committee to re-seed the football area on Dresser Street Field, this sub-committee busied themselves in trying to make ready Alumni Field for the various activities. We anticipated a very busy schedule at Alumni Field due to the fact that Dresser Street Field would have to be closed for most of the Spring and Summer months.

The fence in the outfield was raised, repaired and braced, while on the hill behind where the old grandstand stood, the fence was removed entirely. A section of portable stands was moved from Dresser Street Field for the convenience of spectators. Also a 20-foot high backstop was built. A water line was brought to the field, and a drinking fountain erected in the back of the bleachers. A raised area near the third base section of the infield was lowered to the level of the rest of the infield.

Throughout the Spring and Summer the field was used by various groups. While schools were in session, the new physical education program under Lew Kyrios was carried out on this field. The Wells High School and the Cole Trade High School baseball teams held their practice sessions and their competitive games here, as did the Polish Tigers semi-pro baseball team, the American Legion baseball team, and the Catholic Parochial League. The Summer playgrounds availed themselves of this field for part of their program. At the end of the season a benefit softball game for the "Jimmy Fund," was held. The Lions Club held their Annual Horse Show, for the school milk fund, on Alumni Field. The schedule for Alumni Field was busy as had been anticipated.

In conclusion this sub-committee wishes to thank the various other departments of the town, and individuals who always willingly gave their time and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LIBERA,

Chairman of Alumni Field.

## **REPORT OF DRESSER ST. FIELD COMMITTEE**

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

The Dresser Street Field opened June 5th through November 18th. The official opening was delayed to allow the newly seeded outfield to become established. Local landscaping authorities supervised the project and thanks to the cooperation of the youngsters in avoiding the outfield during their play, the grass seeded in.

Bubblers were installed at each tennis court, at each dug-out, and at each side of the grandstand.

So many children availed themselves of the supervised recreation, that it was practically impossible to keep an accurate

attendance record. Daily attendance averaged at least 30 per day . . . with the number of youngsters on the field at one time fluctuating from 5 to 700 . . . the latter being the attendance figure at Playground Field Day, July 26. In fact, close to 2,000 boys and girls took over the field at the time of Birdie Tebbett's All Stars' afternoon autograph session.

Several of the Summer Band Concerts were held at Dresser Field to make use of the lighting and seating capacity of the field.

The tennis courts were regraded and resurfaced. Daily care (necessitating approximately 20 hours per week maintenance), plus enforcement of regulations concerning proper tennis attire, kept the courts in good playing condition throughout the Summer. A Tennis Clinic was held at 6:15 P. M. on July 26th under the professional direction of Bill Powers, Worcester Tennis Club Pro . . . its purpose, to promote interest in tennis, to offer basic instruction, and to establish a Tennis School. Approximately 100 citizens attended, and attendance prizes were kindly donated by civic minded local stores. The Tennis School, with an enrollment of 50 pupils, consisted of classes held three mornings a week . . . teaching beginners through experienced players of all ages. Because of the late opening of the courts, only about 572 permits were issued. Tournaments were conducted during the month of August.

A broad jump pit and high jump pit were dug outside the track for field events.

A softball diamond was established behind the tennis courts, and games among boys from the ages of 7 to 15 took place almost every day . . . seldom with the conventional nine . . . sometimes with as many as fifteen on a side. The local teams, not organized into leagues, used the field for twilight games at every opportunity.

In concluding my report I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the committee for the kind cooperation I received throughout the season.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SKINYON,

Chairman of Dresser Street Field.

## **REPORT OF SWIMMING POOL SUPERVISOR**

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee  
Dear Sir:

At your request, I am submitting my third annual report on the activities of the swimming pool for 1950.

## **Attendance**

From July 1 to August 30, a total of 20,920 persons used the pool's facilities; 14,245 July, 6,675 August. Average daily attendance—343. This figure is the largest ever recorded since the pool's opening to the public.

## **Rescues**

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the absolute necessity for appointing competent, efficient and responsible lifeguards to supervise water activities. Fourteen children, suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion and panic, were helped to shore by the lifeguards. Many of these cases could have become fatal had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

## **Instruction**

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Ronald Sheriff, offered 240 children the opportunity for instruction in swimming and life-saving during regular morning classes at the pool. Such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

## **Playground "Water Day"**

August 6, Southbridge playgrounds, under the direction of Lewis Kyrios, held their annual "Water Day." This event was held in the morning in order to permit other bathers to use the pool during regular hours. The enthusiasm with which children and parents responded to this event definitely emphasizes the role of the swimming pool in fulfilling a very important recreational need.

## **Health Care**

In order to provide safe water for bathers, two methods of control over bacterial growth were used: Continuous flow of water from the second reservoir and chlorination. When these two methods are scientifically manipulated, any existing fear of pollution may be dispelled.

## **Adult Attendance Survey**

In order to ascertain the extent to which adults made use of the facilities of the pool, a survey was conducted during the

swimming season. A simple form on which the adult could sign his name and address was used to collect the necessary data. Since the task of collecting data had to be left to the bath-house attendant whose duties compelled him to remain at his post most of the time, it must be recognized that the survey is an approximation and only approaches the true adult attendance during 1950. The data, nevertheless, was extremely significant.

When checking the addresses of the 482 adults recorded, we found that these adults represented nearly all of the main geographical areas of our town. Furthermore, they constituted a good sampling of the total population of the town. Practically all socio-economic levels were represented. All this is highly significant in that it shows that the pool is really performing its function of being a service to everyone in the community.

Of equal, if not of greater, significance are the many favorable comments made by parents and other adults during the swimming season. These people, almost in unison, expressed their acceptance and support of recent developments made at the pool while anticipating further developments that would make possible an ideal recreational area for their children and for themselves.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the fine cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It is always a pleasure to work with men who are so deeply interested in promoting better recreational facilities for our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD DESROCHES,  
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE HENRY ST. FIELD COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

Having acquired Henry Street Field for a playing area and not having any funds to develop it was quite a problem for our committee. It had to be cleared, levelled and raked, and plans had to be made for a layout of a diamond. Only through the

generosity of the Highway Department and three of their men who volunteered to operate the graders was this able to be done. To Claude Tucker, president of the Community Softball League and his men for their assistance in preparing this project. Due to the fact that this work was done evenings it was a slow procedure. A vote of thanks to the Ciesla Bros., for donating their bulldozer and an operator for a period of three days at no cost to the town.

The Community Softball League officially opened their season here July 17th and played through the middle of September.

Countless number of children, as well as grownups, enjoyed the activities which took place on this field.

The committee sincerely hopes to improve the facilities so as to give these people more and better use of Henry Street Field.

In closing I wish to thank all who participated in making it a successful season.

Respectfully submitted,  
TOM MONACO, Chairman  
Henry Street Field Committee.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## TRUSTEES

### For the Edwards Bequest

Gertrude W. Smith, Chairman

W. Wesley Crawford      John O. Martin      Jacob K. Edwards

### For the Town

Oswald J. Laliberte      Edward Sheehan      Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Open 1951

Monday to Friday—10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Saturday                      —10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

### Closed 1951

January 1 ..... New Year's Day

February 22 ..... Washington's Birthday

May 30 ..... Memorial Day

July 4 ..... Independence Day

September 3 ..... Labor Day

October 12 ..... Columbus Day

November 12 ..... Armistice Day

November 22 ..... Thanksgiving Day

December 25 ..... Christmas Day

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

In 1950 as in past years, the librarian and her staff have appreciated the friendliness and cooperation of the Board of Trustees and the many users of the library.

In spite of a busy year, 1950 circulation statistics show a decrease of a little over 8% over last year's record. This, apparently, is a fairly universal trend and may be attributed, at least in part, to the greatly increased number of television sets in homes. Both adult and children's books show a decrease, with adult fiction showing the largest decline, a 9.4% decrease over last year's figures. The reading of adult non-fiction decreased 8.9% and children's books 8.2%. The circulation of children's books is still higher than at any time except last year when it reached an all-time high with an increase of 3,273 over

1948 figures. It is interesting to note that the reading of books on religion shows a very substantial gain (26.6%) over last year's figures, which had shown an equally substantial gain over 1948. The following chart may be of interest in indicating current trends in reading:

	1947	1948	1949	1950
General Works .....	109	130	149	177
Philosophy .....	557	605	724	570
Religion .....	385	341	481	609
Social Science .....	908	1,173	1,245	1,207
Language .....	110	169	236	225
Science .....	558	553	567	590
Useful Arts .....	2,062	1,939	2,417	2,257
Fine Arts and Recreation .....	1,934	2,131	2,380	2,229
Literature .....	2,213	1,920	2,098	1,716
History .....	1,270	1,325	1,200	1,147
Travel .....	1,660	1,592	1,555	1,524
Biography .....	2,647	2,350	2,846	2,804
Current Periodicals .....	3,119	3,331	3,600	3,127
Pamphlets .....	118	103	129	141
Total Adult non-Fiction .....	17,680	17,660	19,627	18,323
Fiction .....	45,969	43,900	44,132	39,948
Foreign Books .....	686	799	768	499
Adult Total .....	64,335	62,359	64,527	58,770
Children's Books and Magazines	27,106	29,548	33,818	31,030
Pictures .....	77	110	74	46
Grand Total .....	91,441	92,019	98,419	89,846

Several innovations were tried during the year at Jacob Edwards Memorial Library. In the Spring, the Trustees sponsored a series of four movie programs which were shown Saturday mornings in the old newspaper room in the basement of the library, the American Optical Company lent its equipment, and Mr. V. Earle Davis gave generously of his time to bring, set up, and run the projector. Chairs were borrowed from the Central Baptist Church. Although two showings of each program were given, more children than could be accommodated in the limited space wanted to attend. The seating capacity for the room is about seventy-five.

Four short movies were shown at the final meeting of the Cowboy Reading Club in August. At this showing, Mr. Romeo Cantara donated his time to run the projector. Seventy-five children joined the reading club and attended the story hour, reading a total of 258 books. These activities were in charge of Claire LaForce, children's librarian and Marcia Small, Summer assistant.

A book contest open to all children from fourth grade through the eighth, brought many children to the library the

week preceding and the week of Book Week. Sixty-three children entered the contest, the object of which was to identify book characters and the books in which they appeared. Nancy Hughes, a seventh grader at Charlton Street School, answered eleven questions out of eighteen correctly and received a copy of **The Second St. Nicholas Anthology**, edited by H. S. Commager as prize. Theodore Malisori, a sixth grader at Eastford Road School, had eight correct answers, which was the best record for the boys, and received a copy of **Abraham Lincoln, Friend of the People**, by Clara Judson.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Robert McCarn, superintendent of schools, all classes, fourth grade through eighth in the public schools, visited the library during Book Week in November. The classes were told a little about use and arrangement of books in the library and were given opportunity to see and handle about one hundred and fifty new books. The librarian and staff feel that this was very worthwhile, and they appreciate the cooperation of Mr. McCarn and the teachers.

In conjunction with Book Week, the library instituted a moratorium on all fines during that week. A few long overdue books were retrieved and it was also felt that many people who had never heard of Book Week and its purpose were at least made aware of its existence.

Although 5,475 registered borrowers represent less than one-third of the population of Southbridge, many people take advantage of some of the library facilities without registering to borrow books. Reference books, magazines, and newspapers may be consulted at any time for information as well as for purely recreational reading. Many contestants working on various radio and newspaper contests used the library during the year. There were 557 new borrowers, people who had never had library cards in Southbridge before, who registered in 1950, 298 of whom were children. Fifty-four non-residents paid a fee of one dollar in order to borrow books from the library.

In 1950 the taxpayers of Southbridge paid eighty-two cents per capita for their public library. It might be of interest to the taxpayers to note that this is three cents more per capita than it was two years ago in 1948. At that time, 1948, the Chester L. Corbin Public Library in Webster received one dollar and thirty cents per capita as compared with the Southbridge rate of seventy-nine cents. There is, perhaps, little advantage in pointing out that this is far below even the pre-war standard of \$1.25 set up by the American Library Association for adequate library service to a town of 17,000 population, but there might be interest in knowing just what the taxpayers receive for their eighty-two cents.

They have the privilege of borrowing or consulting in the library 35,471 books on almost every conceivable subject from the creation of the world to the possible destruction of it in an atomic bomb attack. They have access to expensive reference tools that few homes can afford, such as **The Dictionary of American Biography** in twenty-one volumes, **The Encyclopedia Britannica** and five other sets of general encyclopedias, atlases, biographical dictionaries, educational and other directories. The best of the current books are available, technical books, books of travel, biographies, and novels, if not in large enough quantities, all that eighty-two cents will buy. Practically any book except current fiction not in the library may be borrowed through inter-library loan. **Poole's Index and Reader's Guide to Periodicals** which index magazines from 1802 to date may be consulted. Because of limited storage space periodicals indexed in **Reader's Guide** are kept for only five years. Hundreds of pamphlets and over 1300 mounted pictures are available.

The argument may be advanced, "Why pay more when all this can be had for eighty-two cents?" The answer is obvious. Everyone knows that eighty-two cents will not buy as much next year as it bought last year. A good book collection must grow. And because of the generosity and fore-sightedness of certain former citizens who set up trust funds, the people of Southbridge received thirty-two and one-half cents more per capita in 1950 to supplement expenses of running the library. The library has been fortunate in acquiring the services of local people, who, because their homes are in Southbridge, are willing to serve for much less than a qualified outsider would demand.

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library is a public library of which the Town of Southbridge should be proud. It is the hope of the retiring librarian that the library will continue to grow and that this pride may be justified in the future.

## Statistical Record

### Library—Jacob Edwards Memorial Library

Date of founding .....	1871
Population served .....	17,561
Days open during year .....	306
Hours open each week .....	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1950 .....	33,950
Number of volumes added .....	1,461
New .....	1,374)
Replaced .....	87)
Including 287 books by gift and transfer from rental collection	
Number of volumes discarded and lost .....	940
Number of volumes December 31, 1950 .....	34,471
Number of registered borrowers .....	5,475
Number of volumes lent for home use .....	89,846
Largest circulation for one day (November 20) .....	523
Smallest circulation for one day (April 19) .....	100
Average circulation per day .....	294

### Library Staff

Librarian .....	Elaine Van Nostrand
Reference Librarian .....	Hilda Heather
General Assistant .....	Gladys Hobson
General Assistant .....	Mary Hazelton
Children's Librarian .....	Claire LaForce
Janitor .....	Romualdo DiBonaventura

### Part Time Staff

Alice Bradley	Phyllis Horne
Carol Fitzpatrick	Jacqueline Renaud
Elizabeth Giugnard	Helen Rowley
Barbara St. Martin	

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE VAN NOSTRAND,

Librarian.

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### 1950 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES 1951 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Item	1950 Receipts	1950 Expenditures	1951 Budget
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c .....	\$13,400.00		
Special (Equipment) .....	1,000.00		
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Transfer from Trust Funds .....	\$14,400.00		
	2,350.00		
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Less Refund to E & D a/c .....	\$16,750.00		
	4.13		
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Transfer to Special Appropriation .....	\$16,745.87		
	1,000.00		
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	\$15,745.87		
Special Appropriation Reserve			
Jan. 1, 1950 .....			\$3,000.00
1950 addition .....			1,000.00
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			\$4,000.00

### Mynott Fund

Bal. Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$ 8.34	
Receipts, 1950 .....	22.50	
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Disbursements .....	\$ 30.84	17.61
	17.61	
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Bal. Dec. 31, 1950 .....	\$ 13.23	

### Trustee Funds

Bal. Jan. 1, 1950 .....	\$ 483.95	
Receipts .....		
Edwards Trusts .....	6,560.82	
Bradford Trusts .....	109.53	
Int. Spec. Res. ....	225.00	
Fines .....	1.10	
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Operating Balance .....	\$7,380.40	
	690.45	
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Transfer to Town .....	\$6,689.95	
	2,350.00	
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Transfer to Reserve Fund .....	\$4,339.95	
	1,000.00	
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	\$3,339.95	3,339.95
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		\$19,103.43

## EXPENDITURES

### Payroll

101	Librarian .....
102	Assistant or acting librarian .....
103	Regular Employees .....
104	Part-time Employees .....

\$11,061.57

\$12,400.00

### Building Operation Expenses

150	Payroll—Janitor .....
151	Payroll—Janitor's Helpers .....
301	Fuel .....
302	Light .....
303	Water .....
304	Supplies .....
305	Removal Ashes, etc. ....
306	Miscellaneous Expenses .....

\$ 4,072.11

\$ 4,300.00

### Miscellaneous Operating Expenses

401 }	Telephone, Stationery .....
402 }	and Postage .....
403	Desk and Office Supplies .....
404	Audit .....
407	Miscellaneous .....

\$ 510.72

\$ 600.00

351	Building Maintenance .....	123.91	
352	Grounds Maintenance .....	83.48	
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			\$ 600.00
	<b>Books and Periodicals</b>		
201	Books )		
	Periodicals)		
250	Book Repairs .....	3,107.86	3,400.00
500}	Equipment, Furniture and	129.78	250.00
501}	Furnishings .....	14.00	300.00
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	Totals	\$19,103.43	\$21,850.00
	<b>Special Appropriation for</b>		
	Building Repairs and Improvements .....		<hr/>
			1,000.00
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			\$22,850.00

(A) Special Appropriation of \$5,000.00 requested } Involves Lighting, Heating & Renovation  
 by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a }  
 period of five years—at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year.

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946, but was granted for 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950.

# SUMMARY

	1950		1950		1951	
	Budget	%	Appropriation	%	Expenditures	%
Town—Normal Basis	\$15,700.00		\$13,400.00		\$13,395.87	73.74
Town—Special Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00			4.38
Town—Transfer from Trust Funds					*2,350.00	
Town—Cr. to E.&D. a/c					4.13	
Trustee Funds Edwards	\$16,700.00	78.77	\$14,400.00	76.19	\$15,750.00	70.00
Trans. to Town a/c	4,500.00	21.23	4,500.00	23.81	3,339.95	17.40
Trustee Funds Mynott					*2,350.00	12.30
					17.61	.30
	\$21,200.00	100.00	\$18,900.00	100.00	\$19,103.43	100.00
					\$22,850.00	100.00

If the amount collected by the library and turned in to the Town Treasurer (\$1,256.99) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1950 (\$12,138.88) is 63.5% of the cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1951 of \$5,000.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 78.1% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 77.8% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a

capital outlay for 1948—all or part of this amount to be raised by a Bond Issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

\*Transfer of Trust Funds to supplement Town Salary Account.

Approved by Trustees

The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

GERTRUDE W. SMITH, Chairman,

W. WESLEY CRAWFORD,

JACOB K. EDWARDS

JOHN O. MARTIN,

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,

DR. NERIO W. PIOPPI,

EDWARD SHEEHAN



**THIRTY-FIFTH REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1950**  
**REVENUE — 1950**  
**GENERAL REVENUE**

**Taxes:**

**Current Year:**

Poll .....	\$ 10,408.00	
Personal .....	139,975.30	
Real Estate .....	645,586.95	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	90,399.85	\$ 886,370.10
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**Previous Years:**

Poll .....	24.00	
Personal .....	3,454.25	
Real Estate .....	34,151.17	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	2,207.81	39,837.23
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**From State:**

Income Tax .....	121,103.97	
Business—Corporation Tax .....	78,956.08	200,060.05
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**Licenses and Permits:**

**Licenses:**

Liquor .....	14,414.00
Peddlers, Hawkers & Junk .....	323.50
Sunday Store .....	147.00

Common Victuallers & Innholders	181.00	
Pool, Billiard & Bowling	1,029.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	107.00	
Auto Dealers Licenses	96.00	
Auctioneers	4.00	
Taxis and Drivers	101.00	
Firearms	81.50	
All Other	76.50	16,560.50
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Permits:		
Garage	17.50	
Gasoline and Motor Oil	39.50	
All Other	99.50	156.50
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<b>Fines and Forfeits:</b>		
Court Fines		1,166.00
Grants and Gifts—State:		
Vocational and American Education	34,319.32	
Smith-Hughes School Fund	4,087.96	
George-Barden School Fund	686.00	
Old Age Assist. Meal Tax	3,908.36	43,001.64
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County—Dog Licenses		2,049.71
Gifts from Individuals:		
Jacob Edwards Memorial Library Trustees		2,350.00
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<b>Highway Aid:</b>		
State and County—Chapter 90:		
Contract #11752—County	1,099.25	
Contract #11806—County	5,061.74	
Contract #12461—County	7,763.71	
Contract #11752—State	2,796.12	
Contract #11806—State	1,099.25	
Contract #12461—State	15,527.43	33,347.50
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<b>Federal—Grants and Gifts:</b>		
Aid to Dependent Children	12,031.47	
Old Age Assistance	99,499.16	
Child Welfare Service	3,611.48	115,142.11
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Federal Housing Projects in Lieu of Taxes		13,302.60

**All Other Revenue:**

Tax Demands .....	103.95		
Redemption of Deed .....	15.00		
Tax Titles Redeemed .....	1,258.93		
Tax Title Sales .....	1,110.00		
Advertising Costs .....	14.04	2,501.92	

Total General Revenue .....			\$1,355,845.86
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**COMMERCIAL REVENUE****Departmental:****General Government:**

Selectmen .....	\$ 525.00		
Town Hall .....	365.62	890.62	890.62

**Protection of Persons and Property:****Police:**

Station Rental .....	1,322.00		
All Other .....	78.43	1,400.43	

**Fire:**

Sale of Old Material .....	92.45		
All Other .....	115.00	207.45	

**Sealer of Weights & Measures:**

Sealing Fees of 1950 .....	268.39	268.39	.
Ambulance Fees .....		1,764.75	3,641.02

**Health & Sanitation:**

Contagious Diseases .....	334.50		
Tuberculosis .....	1,432.07		
All Other .....	139.95	1,906.52	1,906.52

**Highway:**

Machinery Rental .....	929.30		
Sale of Material .....	484.70		
All Other .....	120.00	1,534.00	1,534.00

**Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits:****Veterans Benefits:**

From State .....	11,530.07		
Soldier's Relief .....	47.00		
Reim. from Individuals .....	100.00	11,677.07	

**Temporary Aid:**

From State .....	9,207.73		
From Cities and Towns .....	1,499.01		
From Individuals .....	233.55	10,940.29	

**Aid to Dependent Children:**

From State .....		11,288.37	
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**Old Age Assistance:**

From State .....	75,986.95		
From Cities and Towns .....	2,130.41	78,117.36	

**Infirmery:**

Reimbursements .....		788.58	
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**Child Welfare Services:**

Reimbursements—			
From Cities and Towns .....		780.00	113,591.67

**Schools and Libraries:****Schools:**

Tuition .....	21,503.99		
Sale of Books & Supplies .....	30.65		
All Other .....	271.18	21,805.82	

**Libraries:**

Fines and Sales .....		1,256.99	23,062.81

**Unclassified:**

Airport Rental .....	300.00		
All Other .....	6.00	306.00	306.00

Total Departmental Revenue ..... \$ 144,932.64

**Cemeteries:**

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	1,245.00		
Graves Opened .....	1,038.00	2,283.00	2,283.00

**Special Assessments:****Sewers:**

Sewers Added to Taxes	3,179.55		
Unapportioned Sewers ..	2,931.54		
Paid in Advance .....	77.45	6,188.54	6,188.54
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**Interest:****General:**

On Deferred Taxes .....	965.20		
	103.99	1,069.19	
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**Special Assessments:**

Sewers—Committed .....	258.72		
Sewers—Additional .....	117.48	376.20	
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On Motor Vehicle Excise .....	11.47		
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**On Trust & Investment Funds:**

Ella M. Cole Fund			
for Needy School Child.	72.50		
Mabel Murphy Fund—			
Cemetery .....	45.00		
Mary Mynott Fund—			
Library .....	22.50		
Cemetery Funds .....	2,179.91	2,319.91	3,776.77
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**Municipal Indebtedness:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue .....	350,000.00		
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**Agency, Trust, and Investments:****Agency:**

Dog Lic. Fees—County	1,648.40		
Fed. Tax on Employees'			
Wages .....	56,459.45		
Blue Cross .....	9,156.85	67,264.70	
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**Trust & Investment:**

Cemetery Perpet. Care	1,566.68		
School Ath. Fund .....	4,145.97		
Investment .....	3,375.00	9,087.65	
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Total Agency, Trust & Investment .....	76,352.35		
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## Refunds and Transfers:

### General Departments:

Town Clerk .....	.06		
Law .....	54.15		
Planning Board .....	106.90		
Police .....	199.96		
Road Mach. Maint. ....	9.81		
1950 Chap. 90 Maint. ....	15.60		
Public Welfare .....	178.25		
Aid to Dependent Child.	198.65		
Old Age Assistance .....	1,389.64		
Aid to Dependent Child.—			
Federal Grant .....	86.00		
Old Age Assistance—			
Federal Grant .....	776.13		
Veterans Benefits .....	95.00		
Teachers' Retirement ....	890.89		
Dresser Field .....	5.59		
Schools .....	165.43		
Library .....	34.88		
Insurance .....	107.69		
Chap. 90—Eastford Rd.	740.20		
School Athletic Fund ....	30.00		
Dresser St. Resurfacing ..	6.00	5,090.83	5,090.83

Total Revenue .....		\$1,944,469.99
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Cash on Hand, January 1, 1950 .....		412,637.68
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\$2,357,107.67

## EXPENDITURES — 1950

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator .....		60.00
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Finance Committee: .....		48.37
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#### Selectmen:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Chairman .....	550.00	
2 Members .....	900.00	
Clerical Services .....	2,280.00	3,730.00

**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	329.69		
Printing & Advertising .....	63.11		
Travel, Mileage,			
Meals, Etc. ....	58.55		
Telephone .....	140.38		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	16.00		
All Other .....	112.95	720.68	4,450.68

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**Accountant:****Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant .....	2,965.27		
Clerk .....	1,946.28		
Extra Cler. Serv. ....	188.25	5,099.80	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	82.00		
Binding & Printing .....	275.87		
Telephone .....	32.25		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	39.22		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other .....	26.40	455.74	5,555.54

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**Treasurer:****Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer .....	2,400.00		
Clerk .....	1,820.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	194.50	4,414.50	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery			
Postage .....	489.92		
Printing, Advertising ....	156.98		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	198.31		
Telephone .....	96.15		
Surety Bonds .....	369.50		
Tax Title Foreclosure .....	100.00		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other .....	156.95	1,567.81	5,982.31

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**Tax Collector:****Salaries and Wages:**

Collector .....	3,000.00		
Clerk .....	1,560.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	225.00	4,785.00	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	995.27		
Printing, Advertising .....	458.97		
Telephone .....	82.90		
Surety Bonds .....	306.72		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	656.70		
Deputy Collectors' Fees .....	25.00		
Dues, Travel, and			
All Other .....	144.77	2,670.33	7,455.33

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**Assessors:****Salaries and Wages:**

Assessors—2 Members ..	1,100.00		
Clerk of Board .....	3,300.00		
Clerical Assistance .....	1,560.00	5,960.00	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	520.01		
Printing, Advertising,			
Binding .....	69.10		
Auto Hire and Travel .....	346.73		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	59.37		
Dues and All Other .....	257.00		
Telephone .....	97.50	1,349.71	7,309.71

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**Law:****Salaries and Wages:**

Town Counsel .....	1,599.96		
Clerical Assistance .....	12.00	1,611.96	

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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	2.40		
Telephone .....	16.80		

Recording Fees .....	160.60		
Legal Services .....	96.00		
Dues, Travel, and			
All Other .....	35.60	311.40	1,923.36

#### **Town Clerk:**

##### **Salaries and Wages:**

Town Clerk .....	1,760.00		
Clerk .....	660.00	2,420.00	

##### **Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies,			
Postage .....	182.19		
Printing, Advertising ..	44.65		
Telephone .....	138.00		
Surety Bonds .....	15.00		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	171.76		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other .....	48.46	600.06	3,020.06

#### **Election and Registration:**

##### **Salaries and Wages:**

3 Registrars .....	300.00		
Clerk of Board .....	150.00		
Election Officers .....	2,400.25		
Clerical Assistance .....	1,398.79	4,249.04	

##### **Other Expenses—Election:**

Supplies, Stationery and			
Postage .....	790.61		
Printing, Advertising ....	918.68		
Meals .....	647.25		
Taxi Fares .....	1.60		
All Other .....	64.31	2,422.45	

##### **Other Expenses—Re-Listing:**

Office Clerical .....	500.65		
Assistant Registrars .....	593.55		
Equipment and			
Maintenance .....	8.00		
Auto and Taxi .....	5.80		
Printing .....	31.85	1,139.85	7,811.34

**Engineering:****Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer .....	2,800.00		
Assistant Engineer .....	3,711.50		
Clerks and Helpers .....	6,295.90	12,807.40	

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**Office Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	266.38		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	127.96		
Telephone .....	123.45	517.79	

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**Field Expenses:**

Materials and Supplies .....	69.97		
Mileage and Travel .....	721.29		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	1.72	792.98	14,118.17

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**Town Hall:****Salaries and Wages:**

Janitors .....	2,728.00		
Helpers .....	617.25	3,345.25	

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**Other Expenses:**

Fuel .....	2,709.48		
Light .....	728.19		
Janitor's Supplies .....	384.81		
Repairs .....	1,823.00		
Telephone .....	41.95		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	78.00		
All Other .....	247.52	6,012.95	9,358.20

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**Planning Board:****Expenses:**

Office Supplies .....	186.70		
Advertising .....	36.00		
Telephone .....	2.35		
Annual Dues .....	20.00		
Travel Expenses .....	75.85		
Zoning Maps .....	735.21		
All Other .....	31.00	1,087.11	1,087.11

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**Board of Appeals:****Expenses:**

Legal Notices .....	10.00		
Postage, Supplies, Stationery .....	8.00		
Clerical Hire .....	15.00		
Telephone .....	2.65		
Travel .....	35.00	70.65	70.65
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**Retirement Board:**

Administration .....	1,090.00	1,090.00	
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Total General Government .....			\$69,340.83

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief .....	4,354.00		
Patrolmen .....	58,164.70		
Special Police .....	7,609.10		
Caretaker of Station .....	1,732.50		
Labor—			
Painting Street Signs .....	563.30	72,423.60	
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**Equipment and Maintenance:**

Motor Equipment .....	987.23		
Gas, Oil, Etc. ....	1,038.93		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance .....	639.75		
Equipment for Men .....	222.11		
Additional Equipment .....	1,661.49	4,549.51	
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**Fuel and Light:**

Fuel .....	479.73		
Light .....	281.42	761.15	
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**Maintenance of Building****and Grounds:**

Repairs .....	1,570.58		
Janitors' Supplies .....	485.04		
All Other .....	56.21	2,111.83	
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## Officers & Prisoners

### Expense:

Officers Travel .....	4.40	
Matrons and Guards .....	2.40	
Board and Care, Private Institutions ....	90.29	
Laundry and All Other .....	4.36	101.45

## Traffic Control:

### Labor (See Salaries and Wages)

Material and Supplies ....	513.22	
Street Signs and Beacons .....	542.11	1,055.33

## Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....	2,085.51		
Telephone .....	2,235.36		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	7.95		
Photo and Fingerprint Supplies .....	20.42		
Dues and All Other .....	88.00	4,437.24	85,440.11

## Fire Department:

### Salaries and Wages:

Chief .....	3,909.88	
Asst. Chief, Capt. and Lieut. ....	10,397.03	
Permanent Firemen .....	47,446.45	
Call Firemen .....	4,980.00	
Supt. of Alarm .....	350.00	
Clerk of Fire Dept. ....	100.00	67,183.36

## Equipment, New and

### Additional:

Apparatus .....	1,771.93	
Air Horn .....	2,117.50	
Equipment for Men .....	118.73	
Accessories and Supplies .....	1,543.96	5,552.12

**Maintenance and Repairs:**

Garage Rent .....	363.54	
Repairs .....	2.21	
Gasoline and Oil .....	384.81	
Alarm Boxes, Etc. ....	328.47	
Shop Equipment and Maintenance .....	173.92	
All Other .....	446.73	2,099.68
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Hydrant Service .....		16,637.50
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**Fuel, Light, Water:**

Fuel .....	1,100.69	
Light .....	302.29	
Water .....	68.18	1,471.16
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**Maintenance of Buildings  
and Grounds:**

Repairs .....	402.79	
Furniture and Furnishings .....	219.23	
Laundry .....	94.18	
All Other .....	247.37	963.57
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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	33.46	
Telephone .....	369.87	
Office Equipment and Maintenance .....	3.53	
Travel and All Other .....	452.90	859.76
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**Forest Fires:****Salaries and Wages:**

Warden .....	200.00	
Fighting Fires .....	511.00	711.00
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**Other Expenses:**

Apparatus .....	278.89	
Gasoline, Oil, Repairs ...	114.07	
New Hose .....	609.22	
Material and Supplies ..	22.20	
Food for Men at Fires ...	78.69	1,103.07
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**Ambulance:**

Equipment, Maintenance and Laundry .....	171.18		
Auto Maintenance, Gasoline and Oil .....	579.67		
Materials and Supplies ..	21.76		
Drivers' Expense .....	19.00	791.61	791.61
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**Sealer of Weights and Measures:****Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer .....	1,300.00	1,300.00	
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**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....	12.28		
Printing, Advertising ....	7.00		
Travel .....	300.00		
Trailer Repairs .....	2.00		
All Other .....	4.45	325.73	1,625.73
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**Dog Officer:**

Board and Care of Dogs .....	328.50		
Dogs Destroyed .....	171.50	500.00	500.00
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**Street Lighting:**

Street Lights .....	16,547.00		
Traffic Lights .....	14.88	16,561.88	16,561.88
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**Animal Inspector:****Salaries and Wages:**

Salary .....	124.92		
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**Other Expenses:**

Mileage and Travel .....	72.33		197.25
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**Building Inspector:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Salary .....		399.96	
Other Expenses:			
Materials and Supplies ..	21.50		
Mileage and Travel .....	72.00	93.50	493.46

**Wire Inspector:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Salary .....		399.96	
Other Expenses:			
Materials and Supplies	36.54		
Mileage and Travel .....	60.00	96.54	496.50

**Planting and Trimming Trees:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden .....	503.23		
Labor .....	1,516.34	2,019.57	

## Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools .....	67.79		
Trees .....	1,235.25		
Winch Saw and			
Truck Hire .....	958.00		
All Other .....	116.70	2,377.74	4,397.31

**Moth Extermination:**

## Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent .....	165.00		
Labor .....	144.20	309.20	

## Other Expenses:

Truck Hire .....	90.80	90.80	400.00

Total Protection of Persons and Property ..... \$207,485.07

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### Health:

#### General Administration:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health .....	330.00	
Board Physician .....	330.00	
School Physician .....	769.92	
Agent .....	641.21	
Nurse .....	2,449.92	
Sanitary Inspector .....	439.92	
Plumbing Inspector .....	2,324.02	
Food and Provisions		
Inspector .....	300.00	
Milk Inspector .....	399.88	
Slaughtering Inspector .....	384.96	
Dentists—		
Dental Clinic .....	728.25	
Podiatrist .....	250.00	
Clerical Assistance .....	292.96	9,641.04

#### Other Administrative Expenses:

Stationery and Postage .....	295.64	
Printing, Advertising .....	70.06	
Telephone .....	130.35	
All Other .....	6.01	502.06

#### Quarantine, Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis:

Medical Attendance .....	249.08	
Drugs and Medicine .....	10.67	
Supplies .....	3.25	
Laundry .....	1.65	
Transportation .....	9.10	
Cash Aid .....		
Hospitals—Rutland		
Training Center .....	8.57	
Belmont Hospital, Worc. .....	98.81	
Worc. County Sanatorium .....	2,302.50	
North Reading State		
Sanatorium .....	1,488.00	
Comm. of Mass. ....	46.00	4,217.63

#### Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns .....	524.50	
Death Returns .....	33.25	557.75

**Inspectors' Expenses:****Plumbing Inspector:**

Travel .....	137.00
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**Sanitary Inspector:****Expense:**

Dues .....	15.00	15.00
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**Slaughtering Inspector:****Expense:**

Travel .....	52.00
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**Food & Provisions Inspector:****Expense:**

Travel .....	37.20
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**Milk Inspector:****Expense:**

Dues .....	9.60	
Travel .....	133.00	
Materials and Supplies .....	18.81	161.41

**Nurse:**

Travel .....	119.19
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**Agent:**

Travel .....	44.50	
All Other .....	3.00	47.50

Dental Clinic Supplies .....	17.32
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Garbage Contract .....	8,988.00
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Total Health .....	24,493.10
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**Sewer:****General Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners .....	450.00	
Caretaker .....	2,475.00	2,925.00

**Administrative Expenses:****Stationery, Supplies**

and Postage .....	4.50
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Telephone .....	142.75	147.25
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**General Expenses:**

Labor .....	263.34		
Truck .....	88.80		
Tools & Equipment .....	236.40		
Pipes & Fittings .....	2.95		
Gasoline & Oil .....	322.24		
Fuel & Light .....	21.00		
All Other .....	29.29	964.02	4,036.27

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Total Health and Sanitation ..... \$29,529.37

**HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE****General Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners .....	600.00		
Superintendent .....	2,480.67	3,080.67	

**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	150.80		
Telephone .....	147.30		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	248.65	546.75	

**General Maintenance:**

Labor and Timekeeper Clerk .....	37,378.48		
Oil for Roads .....	9,999.39		
Expenses .....	12,897.11	60,274.98	

**New Road Machinery:**

Surface Material Spreader .....	1,207.80		
1950 Ford Dump Truck	4,150.00		
Specifications for Storage Unit .....	200.00		
Loader for Tractor .....	470.00		
Centrifugal Discharge Bucket Elevator .....	2,137.50		
Concrete Base for Hopper .....	246.10		

Concrete Footings for		
Hopper .....	260.00	
Hopper .....	5,400.00	
Motor .....	790.00	
Gears .....	100.00	
Advertising .....	55.75	15,017.15
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Road Machinery		
Maintenance .....		10,361.35
Buildings and Grounds:		
Maintenance and		
Repairs .....	48.18	
Fuel, Light & Water .....	462.80	
All Other .....	44.79	555.77
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Town Dump & Rubbish		
Collection:		
Labor—Town Dump .....	1,855.00	
Land Purchase .....	3,900.00	
Sand and Gravel .....	238.00	
Signs .....	30.00	
Shovel Hire and		
All Other .....	1,096.17	
Rubbish Collection—		
Contract .....	2,706.93	9,826.10
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Snow and Ice:		
Labor and Timekeeper		
Clerk .....	4,416.99	
Gasoline and Oil .....	754.36	
Cal. Chloride, Salt		
and Sand .....	1,862.25	
Advertising and		
All Other .....	281.08	
Laborers' Meals and		
Food .....	202.30	
Truck Hire and Shovel		
Rental .....	233.13	
Country Roads .....	247.63	7,997.74
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**Chapter 90 Maintenance****State and County Aid—****1950 Contract:****Eastford Road:**

Labor .....	265.33	
Materials and Supplies ..	354.72	
Truck Hire .....	203.60	823.65

**North Woodstock Road:**

Labor .....	770.47	
Materials and Supplies ..	76.95	
Truck Hire .....	113.48	960.90

**Old Woodstock Road:**

Labor .....	200.00	
Truck Hire .....	108.00	308.00

**Mechanic Street:**

Labor .....	20.00	
Truck Hire .....	16.00	36.00

**Hamilton Street:**

Labor .....	40.00	
Truck Hire .....	28.00	68.00

**East Main Street:**

Labor .....	225.00	
Materials and Supplies ..	44.00	269.00

**Dudley Road:**

Labor .....		80.00
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**Dresser Hill Road:**

Labor .....		237.43
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**River Street:**

Labor .....	50.00	
Truck Hire .....	20.00	70.00

**Worcester Street:**

Labor .....	75.20	
Materials and Supplies ..	452.42	
Truck Hire .....	192.20	719.82

**Brickyard Road:**

Materials and Supplies ..	27.20	3,600.00
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Total Highways, Snow & Ice, Dump,  
Rubbish & 1950 Chap. 90 Maintenance ..... \$111,260.51

# CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS

## Public Welfare:

### Salaries and Wages:

Board .....	1,200.00	
Supervisor .....	550.00	
Social Worker .....	420.00	
Clerks .....	310.00	2,480.00
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### General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	67.42	
Telephone .....	232.94	
Mileage and Travel .....	24.12	
All Other .....	.69	325.17
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### General Relief:

Groceries & Provisions .....	11,977.70	
Fuel and Light .....	2,174.48	
Medicine & Medical Attendance .....	4,211.70	
Hospital Care .....	4,059.41	
Rent .....	1,455.75	
Clothing .....	714.09	
Cash Grants .....	8,851.55	
Board and Care—Local .....	1,656.82	
Private Institutions .....	332.70	
State Institutions .....	2,355.90	
Household Furnishings and Moving .....	53.25	
Burials .....	100.00	
All Other .....	137.94	38,081.29
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### Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities .....	3,579.38	
Towns .....	6,168.11	9,747.49
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### Truck Expense:

Gas and Oil .....	53.49	
Equipment and Maintenance .....	.50	
All Other .....	2.00	55.99
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		50,689.94

**Aid to Dependent Children:**

Town Appropriation—

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	260.00	
Social Worker .....	112.50	
Clerks .....		372.50

Other Expenses:

Mileage .....	9.68	
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants .....	26,304.15	26,686.33
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**Aid to Dependent Children:**

Federal Grant—

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	168.50	
Social Worker .....	467.00	635.50

Other Expenses:

Telephone .....	46.05	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	88.94	
Travel .....	185.85	320.84

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grant .....	8,737.19	9,693.53
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**Old Age Assistance:**

Town Appropriation—

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board .....		
Supervisor .....	1,896.90	
Social Worker .....	1,500.00	
Clerks .....	1,343.10	4,740.00

**Other Expenses:**

Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	76.08
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**Relief Expenses:**

Cash Grants .....	122,118.09		
Cities and Towns .....	1,275.72	123,393.81	128,209.89

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**Old Age Assistance:****Federal Grant—****Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Board .....		
Supervisor .....	600.00	
Social Worker .....	400.00	
Clerks .....	543.91	1,543.91

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**Other Expenses:**

Telephone .....	50.00	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	511.31	
Mileage and Travel .....	112.63	
All Other .....	1.50	675.44

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**Relief Expenses:**

Cash Grants .....	80,306.59		
Cities and Towns .....	1,199.01	81,505.60	83,724.95

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**Child Welfare Services:****General Administration:****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor .....	3,795.00	
Clerk .....	1,841.48	
Refund on Salary .....	175.00	5,811.48

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**Office Expense:**

Equipment and Maintenance .....	8.00
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Stationery, Supplies and Postage .....	54.54	
Telephone .....	125.60	188.14
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**Field Expense:**

Mileage and Travel .....	440.73	6,440.35
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**Infirmary:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent .....	1,900.00	
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**Other Expenses:**

Groceries and Provisions .....	4,766.74	
Furnishings, Clothing ....	301.51	
Repairs to Building .....	1,180.93	
Fuel and Light .....	1,095.58	
Gas and Oil .....	226.24	
Hospital and Medical Care .....	1,193.38	
Telephone and All Other .....	271.07	9,035.45
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**Veterans' Benefits:**

**General Administration:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Salary .....	1,146.50	
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**Other Expenses:**

Office Expenses and Travel .....	233.97	
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**Relief Expenses:**

Fuel .....	371.20	
Medical .....	1,855.29	
Hospital .....	478.00	
Food .....	1,119.60	
Rent, Clothes, Etc. ....	68.70	
Private Institutions .....	1,861.25	
Cash Grant .....	18,698.35	24,452.39
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Maintenance of Vets' Graves	417.00	26,249.86
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## Veterans Services:

### Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	1,875.00	
Clerk .....	1,560.00	3,435.00

### Other Expenses:

Stationery and Supplies .....	221.17		
Mileage and Travel .....	81.43		
Telephone .....	181.80		
Dues and All Other .....	15.00	499.40	3,934.40

Total Charities & Veterans' Benefits ..... \$346,564.70

## SCHOOLS

### General Control:

#### Salaries and Wages:

150 Superintendent .....	7,468.10	
156 Supt.'s Clerk .....	2,505.62	
157 Extra Clerical .....	778.58	
401 Attendance Officer .....	200.00	
103 School Census .....	329.21	
119 Bldg. Maint. Officer .....	499.92	11,781.43

#### Other Expenses:

160 Supplies .....	180.38		
180 Printing .....	190.10		
181 Travel .....	413.53		
182 Telephone .....	199.15		
182a Postage, Books and Periodicals .....	255.46		
182b Equipment and Maintenance .....	870.50	2,109.12	13,890.55

### High School:

#### Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal .....	5,200.00	
225 Principal's Clerk .....	2,118.44	
226 Extra Clerical .....	5.20	
240 Teachers .....	79,754.19	
245 Sub. Teachers .....	1,227.50	88,305.33

Instruction Expenses:

210	Supervision Travel	182.26	
235	Printing, Supplies and Postage .....	183.92	
250	Text & Reference Books .....	1,151.57	
270	Supplies .....	2,474.46	
283	Supplement Books	1,532.97	
290	Commencement Expense .....	194.29	
660	Instructional Apparatus .....	636.83	6,356.30
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Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501	Janitors Salaries	6,282.80	
501a	Extra Help .....	58.38	6,341.18
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Other Expenses:

510	Janitors Supplies	654.82	
520	Fuel .....	3,807.37	
530	Water .....	271.16	
540	Gas & Electricity	1,954.46	
565	Telephone .....	234.23	
580	Drayage .....	149.08	7,071.12
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Maintenance of Plant:

601	Grounds .....	74.50	
620	Buildings .....	266.15	
640	Service Systems ....	415.16	
680	Other Expenses ....	186.15	941.96
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Capital Outlay:

930	Building Altera- tions and Additions ....	504.75	
965	New Furnishings ..	400.76	
975	New Equipment ....	122.17	
985	Other Expenses ....	52.79	1,080.47
		<hr/>	110,096.36

**Elementary Schools:****Salaries and Wages:****Instruction Salaries:**

240	Teachers .....	147,553.30	
245	Sub. Teachers .....	8,179.83	
245a	Teachers' Courses .....	16.00	155,749.13

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**Instruction Expenses:**

210	Supervision Travel .....	299.20	
235	Printing .....	16.50	
250	Text and Reference Books .....	1,901.48	
270	Supplies .....	7,239.07	
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equipment ....	274.90	9,731.15

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**Operation of Plant:****Salaries and Wages:**

501	Janitors .....	12,915.00	
501a	Extra Help .....	349.50	13,264.50

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**Other Expenses:**

510	Janitors Supplies .....	2,415.78	
520	Fuel .....	8,167.46	
530	Water .....	288.71	
540	Gas & Electricity ..	2,711.27	
565	Telephone .....	602.85	
580	Drayage .....	179.50	14,365.57

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**Maintenance of Plant:**

601	Grounds .....	1,023.23	
620	Buildings .....	725.90	
640	Service Systems ....	455.73	
680	Other Expenses ....	449.79	2,654.65

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**Capital Outlay:**

930	Buildings Alteration and Additions .....	103.12	
965	New Furnishings ..	727.45	
975	New Equipment ....	942.25	
985	Other Expenses ....	383.25	2,156.07

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**Elementary Evening Schools:****Salaries and Wages:**

220	Director's Salary ..	260.00	
240	Teacher .....	832.00	1,092.00
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**Instruction Expense:**

210	Supervision Travel	8.40	
250	Text and Refer- ence Books .....	28.58	
270	Supplies .....	24.77	61.75
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**Operation of Plant:**

520	Fuel .....	100.00	1,253.75
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**High School Evening:****Salaries and Wages:**

240	Teachers .....	603.78	
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**Instruction Expenses:**

250	Textbooks .....	30.22	
270	Supplies .....	30.14	60.36
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**Capital Outlay:**

975	New Equipment ....	1.52	665.66
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**Industrial Arts:****Salaries and Wages:**

240	Teachers .....	4,017.67	
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**Other Expenses:**

250	Text Books .....	133.25	
270	Supplies .....	49.83	
660	Maintenance .....	138.18	
975	New Equipment ....	68.72	389.98
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**Domestic Science:****Salaries and Wages:**

240	Teachers Salaries	1,162.66	
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**Other Expenses:**

270	Supplies .....	149.80	1,312.46
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**Household Arts:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers Salaries .....	3,766.21		
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**Other Expenses:**

210 Supervision Travel .....	10.95		
250 Text and Reference Books .....	5.44		
270 Supplies .....	317.01		
660 Instructional Equipment .....	152.61		
975 Capital Outlay .....	531.76	1,017.77	4,783.98

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**Continuation School:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers .....	179.16		
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**Other Expenses:**

270 Supplies .....	21.30		200.46
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**Auxiliary Agencies:****Pupils:**

313 Transportation of Pupils .....	16,085.48		
360 Tuition to Other Schools .....	781.71	16,867.19	

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**Medical Services:****Salaries and Wages:**

402 Physician .....	1,757.76		
404 Nurse .....	2,797.40	4,555.16	

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**Other Expenses:**

210 Travel for Nurse .....	238.05		
405 Telephone .....	128.76		
405a Miscellaneous and Supplies .....	135.41	502.22	21,924.57

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**Visual Aids:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Teachers .....	800.00		
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**Other Expenses:**

270 Supplies .....	228.12		
660 Maintenance .....	4.00		
975 New Equipment .....	54.91	287.03	1,087.03

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**Cole Trade School:****General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

220	Director .....	4,528.60	
221	Director's Clerk ....	2,307.85	
276	Assistant Clerk .....	1,976.84	8,813.29

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**Other Expenses:**

210	Supervision Travel ..	98.66	
235	Printing, Supplies and Postage .....	122.47	
290	Commencement Expense .....	99.99	
565	Telephone .....	207.05	528.17

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**Instruction Salaries:**

240	Teachers .....	44,754.60	
245	Sub. Teachers .....	18.00	44,772.60

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**Instruction Expenses:**

250	Text and Refer- ence Books .....	523.75	
270	Supplies .....	3,743.95	
660	Equipment .....	2,147.84	6,415.54

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**Operation of Plant:****Salaries and Wages:**

501	Janitors .....	2,506.25	
501a	Extra Helpers .....	12.00	2,518.25

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**Other Expenses:**

510	Janitors' Supplies ..	187.78	
520	Fuel .....	1,501.00	
530	Water .....	62.38	
540	Gas & Electricity ..	635.17	
580	Drayage .....	650.65	3,036.98

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**Maintenance of Plant:**

601	Grounds .....	49.75	
620	Buildings .....	110.02	
640	Service Systems ....	187.33	
680	Other Expenses ....	57.64	404.74

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**Capital Outlay:**

930 Building Alterations and Additions ....	352.55		
965 New Furnishings ..	38.88		
975 Instructional Apparatus .....	563.35		
985 Other Expenses .....	20.00	974.78	67,464.35
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**Cole Trade School Evening Extension:****Instruction Salaries:****Salaries and Wages:**

225 Clerk .....	92.50		
240 Teachers .....	2,355.19	2,447.69	
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**Instruction Expenses:**

250 Books .....	10.50		
270 Supplies .....	82.00		
660 Instructional Equipment .....	145.82	238.32	
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**Operation of Plant:****Salaries and Wages:**

501 Janitors Salaries		185.27	
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**Other Expenses:**

510 Janitors' Supplies	.60		
520 Fuel .....	12.00		
540 Gas & Electricity ..	51.02	63.62	
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**Capital Outlay:**

975 New Equipment ....		35.38	2,970.28
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**Smith-Hughes Fund:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Household Art Classes .....	185.98		
240 Vocational Classes	3,874.76		
240 Practical Arts .....	27.22	4,087.96	4,087.96
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**George-Barden Fund:****Salaries and Wages:**

240 Evening .....	692.00	692.00	692.00
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**Total Schools Expenditures from Town**

Appropriations, Smith Hughes,			
George-Barden Funds .....			\$423,758.13

# LIBRARY

## Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

### Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian .....	3,161.16	
103 Assistants .....	6,935.68	
150-151 Janitors .....	2,149.92	12,246.76
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### Books and Periodicals:

201 Books .....	1,859.44	
202 Periodicals .....	458.30	2,317.74
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### Binding:

250 Books .....		32.45
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### Fuel and Lights:

301 Fuel .....	586.18	
302 Light .....	154.26	740.44
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### Buildings:

350 Repairs .....	55.35	
304-306 All Other .....	156.31	211.66
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### Other Expenses:

401 Telephone .....	29.00		
402 State Printing and Advertising .....	202.70	231.70	15,780.75
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## Library Expenditures from Trust Funds:

Mary Mynott Fund (See Agency,  
Trust and Investments)

Other Trust Funds—(See Library  
Trustees Report)

Total Schools and Libraries ..... \$448,538.88

# RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

## Recreation:

### Parks:

Labor .....	276.00	
Loam .....	78.00	
Trees .....	138.00	
All Other .....	5.00	497.00

### Playgrounds:

Instructors' Salaries .....	2,821.50	
Materials and Supplies .....	641.08	
Labor .....	90.00	
Sports, Games, etc. ....	245.39	3,797.97

### World War Memorial:

Labor .....	254.37	
Electric Lighting .....	34.19	
Trees and Spraying .....	17.07	
Materials and Supplies .....	54.87	
Wreaths .....	14.50	375.00

### Honor Roll:

Materials and Supplies ..	49.06	
Electric Lighting .....	48.16	
Maintenance and		
Repairs .....	174.00	
Wreaths & Landscaping ..	40.00	
Insurance .....	38.00	349.22

### Swimming Pool:

Labor and Instructors ....	2,089.20	
Buildings and Grounds ..	2,250.79	
Materials and Supplies ..	198.94	
Light and Water .....	51.56	
All Other .....	205.35	4,795.84

### Dresser St. Athletic Field:

Labor .....	2,456.48	
Caretaker .....	1,430.00	
Materials and Supplies ..	927.64	
Fuel, Light and Water ..	644.42	
Printing and Advertising ..	4.00	
Postage, Stationery		
and Supplies .....	13.59	

Equipment and Maintenance .....	873.70	
Repairs to Field .....	989.75	
All Other .....	567.15	7,896.73
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#### Alumni Field:

Labor .....	1,321.25	
Truck Hire .....	49.25	
Materials and Supplies .....	415.87	
Equipment and Maintenance .....	430.98	
Installing and Connecting Copper Service .....	725.87	
All Other .....	55.81	2,999.03
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#### Public Band Concerts:

Concerts .....	453.40
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Total Recreation .....	21,164.19
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#### Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property .....	4,406.75
Memorial Day Celebration .....	900.00
Armistice Day Celebration .....	300.00
Printing Town Reports ..	1,588.50
Pensions (Non-Contributory) ....	8,380.84

#### Insurance:

Buildings and Contents ..	9,335.32	
Town Vehicles .....	4,003.80	
Workmen's Compensation .....	2,425.60	
Public Liability .....	41.27	15,805.99
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Town Clock .....	68.42
Water and Ice .....	560.10
Airport Maintenance .....	26.82

#### Outstanding Bills of

##### Previous Years:

General Relief .....	10,207.00
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Infirmary .....	1,314.58		
Veterans Benefits .....	559.39		
Town Dump .....	300.00	12,380.97	44,418.39
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Total Recreation and Unclassified .....			\$65,582.58

## CEMETERY

### Oak Ridge Cemetery:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent .....	500.00		
Labor .....	4,190.90		
Opening Graves .....	213.00	4,903.90	
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#### Other Expenses:

Loam, Fertilizer, Etc. ....	246.50		
Team Hire .....	180.00		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	562.26		
Light, Water and Ice .....	51.93		
Equipment Rental .....	32.15		
Truck Expense .....	57.17		
New Equipment and Supplies .....	537.03	1,667.04	
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#### Cemetery Improvement Acct.:

Labor .....	308.98		
New Equipment .....	18.25		
Planting and Seeding ....	28.00	355.23	
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#### Oak Ridge Cemetery Stone

##### Arch Entrance:

Advertising for Bids .....	15.00		
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Total Cemetery .....			6,941.17
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# SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

## 1949 Chapt. 90 Construction:

### Mechanic St.—

Contract #11752:

Contr., F. J. Shields, Inc. 10,217.91

Materials and Supplies .. 241.80 10,459.71

### Foster St. Parking Lot

Repairs:

Cable Posts ..... 60.00

### Fairmount Ave. Drain:

Equipment Hire ..... 170.00

Labor, Material and

Supplies ..... 190.23 360.23

### Morris St. Invest. Acct.:

Road Analysis Expense 576.40

### Charlton St. Reconstruction:

Cont., F. J. Shields, Inc. 5,656.45

### Charlton St. Invest. Acct.:

Road Analysis Expense 598.18

### Mechanic St. Sewer:

Cont., F. J. Shields, Inc. 2,178.48

Materials and Supplies .. 92.70 2,271.18

### East Main, Mechanic and

Crystal Sts. Sewer ..... 179.12

Cont., F. J. Shields, Inc. 4,044.32 4,223.44

### Clemence Hill Water Hole:

Water Hole Construction ..... 200.00

### Sewage Disposal Plant:

Engineering Services ..... 14,308.91

### West St. Land Purchase:

Land Purchase ..... 800.00

### Oliver St. Sidewalk:

Labor ..... 329.63

Materials and Supplies .. 319.71 649.34

### Cisco St. Land Damage:

Land Taking ..... 150.00

Main St. and Goddard Ct.

Land Damages:

Settlement of Claims ..... 6,960.40

Westwood Pkwy. Resurfacing:

Labor ..... 10.00  
Materials and Supplies .. 713.66      723.66

River St. School Retaining

Wall:

Labor ..... 178.00  
Materials and Supplies .. 751.25  
Advertising ..... 47.63      976.88

North St. Sidewalk and

Curbing:

Labor ..... 241.95  
Materials and Supplies .. 832.85      1,074.80

West St. Alumni Field Drain:

Equipment Hire ..... 1,634.00  
Labor and Material ..... 2,879.94      4,513.94

Goddard St. Reconstruction:

Equipment Hire ..... 279.75  
Building Catch Basin ..... 91.50  
Materials and Supplies .. 661.83  
Labor ..... 451.65      1,484.73

West St. and Locust

Ave. Drain:

Labor and Material ..... 3,252.10  
Equipment Hire ..... 1,285.75  
Removal of Trees ..... 168.20      4,706.05

Curtis St. Reconstruction:

Labor ..... 2,716.71  
Equipment Hire ..... 1,142.50  
Removal of Trees ..... 37.10  
Materials and Supplies .. 1,076.92  
All Other ..... 10.45      4,983.68

**Durfee St. Resurfacing:**

Labor .....	260.45	
Material and Supplies ..	353.20	
Equipment Rental .....	150.00	763.65
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**Eastford Rd. Reconstruction:**

Labor .....	211.24	
Materials and Supplies ..	375.46	
Removal of Trees .....	97.70	
Equipment Hire .....	135.00	819.40
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**Dresser St. Resurfacing:**

Dowgielewicz Bros.—		
Contract .....	10,624.96	
Advertising .....	52.00	
Removal of Trees .....	499.00	11,175.96
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**Henry St. Land Purchase:**

Purchase Price .....	5,000.00
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**Mechanic St. Chap. 90****Contract #12461:****Main, East Main, Mechanic**

and Crystal Sts. Rotary:		
Cont., F. J. Shields, Inc. ..	31,054.85	
Advertising .....	6.80	
Labor .....	202.30	
Truck Hire .....	169.75	
Material and Supplies ..	359.50	31,793.20
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**Dudley Rd. Bridge Repair:**

Duff Bros. ....	1,964.00	
Advertising .....	27.50	1,991.50
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**North St. and Benefit**

St. Drain:		
Duff Bros. ....	1,908.52	
Labor and Material .....	17.10	
Advertising .....	13.00	1,938.62
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**Leonide Lemire Post #6055**

Lease:		
Rent .....		675.00
Belmont St. Sewer:		
Labor and Material .....	3,016.60	
Advertising .....	5.00	3,021.60

Woodycrest Ave. Sewer:		
Stanley Ciesla .....	5,744.14	
Advertising .....	5.00	5,749.14

Golf St., Kingsley St. and North Woodstock Rd.		
Sewer:		
Stanley Ciesla .....	6,929.08	
Advertising .....	5.00	6,934.08

Locust Ave. Sewer:		
Stanley Ciesla .....	3,771.35	
Advertising .....	5.00	3,776.35

School Planning Survey:		
Survey Fees .....		4,000.00
Belmont St. Grading:		
Labor .....	121.60	
Material .....	95.47	
Equipment Hire .....	390.00	607.07

Lucien Duff vs. Inhabitants of Southbridge:		
Judgment Acct. Superior Court Case #82880 .....		
	1,128.12	1,128.12

Total Special Accounts ..... 145,111.67

**INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT****Interest:**

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue .....		1,471.33
General Loans:		
School Bonds .....	1,410.00	

Hamilton, Main Sts.			
Paving .....	120.00		
South St. Paving .....	180.00		
Worcester St. Sewer .....	210.00	1,920.00	3,391.33

### Maturing Debt:

#### Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	350,000.00
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#### General Loans:

School Bonds .....	10,000.00		
South St. Paving .....	6,000.00		
Worcester St. Sewer .....	7,000.00		
Hamilton and Main Sts.			
Paving .....	8,000.00	31,000.00	381,000.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt .....	384,391.33
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## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

### Agency:

State Auditing Tax .....	880.15		
State Parks and Reservations Tax .....	2,147.23		
State Examination of Retirement System .....	83.06	3,110.44	

County Tax .....	42,171.23		
County TB Hospital Maintenance Tax .....	20,493.81	62,665.04	

Dog Tax Fees Paid to County .....	1,648.40		
Federal Withholding Tax .....	56,459.45		
Blue Cross .....	3,974.70	127,858.03	

**Trust and Investment:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	1,866.68	
Pensions and Retire- ment Fund .....	11,918.00	
Mary E. Wells High School Athletic Assoc. Fund ..	2,350.35	
Cole Trade School Ath. Assoc. Fund .....	120.03	

**Other Permanent Trusts:**

Mary Mynott Fund .....	17.61	
Mabel Murphy Fund .....	15.00	32.61

**Investment Funds:**

U. S. War Bonds— Post War Rehabilitation Interest— Invested .....	3,375.00	19,662.67
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Total Agency, Trust, and Investment .....	147,520.70
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**Refunds:****Taxes:**

Poll and Real Estate .....	146.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise ....	1,215.71	1,362.51
Deposit on Plans and Bids	5,160.00	
Blue Cross .....	2.15	6,524.66

Total Payments for 1950 .....	\$1,967,791.47
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1950 .....	389,316.20
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	<u>\$2,357,107.67</u>
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**TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE**  
**BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1950**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>	
<b>Cash:</b>		<b>Temporary Loans:</b>	
In Banks .....	\$389,316.20	In Anticipation of Revenue 1950 .....	\$100,000.00
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		<b>Trust Fund Income:</b>	
Taxes:		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund .....	\$ 31.27
Levy of 1949 .....	\$ 1,073.12	Ella M. Cole Fund for Needy School Children .....	395.71
Levy of 1950 .....	39,094.53	Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund .....	11.29
<b>Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:</b>		Mary Mynott Library Fund .....	13.23
Levy of 1949 .....	140.49	Mabel Murphy Cemetery Fund .....	36.67
Levy of 1950 .....	5,810.27	Adah Stedman Cemetery Fund .....	27.06
<b>Special Assessments:</b>			
Unapportioned Sewer, 1950 .....	4,487.76		
Sewer—Added to Taxes 1950 .....	608.62	<b>Overpayment to Treasurer—</b>	
Committed Interest 1949 .....	10.27	<b>To Be Refunded:</b>	
Committed Interest 1950 .....	34.48	Fire Dept. Accounts Receivable .....	3.00

## ASSETS

Tax Titles .....	1,014.63
Tax Possessions .....	2,381.44
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### Departmental:

Town Hall .....	50.00
Ambulance .....	1,737.00
Health .....	249.08
Highway .....	1,683.65
Temporary Aid .....	1,364.20
Aid to Dependent Child.	3,790.91
Old Age Assistance .....	368.35
Veterans' Benefits .....	2,861.82
School .....	10,128.76
Airport Rental .....	1,000.00
Athletic Field .....	158.42
Cemetery .....	275.00
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### Aid to Highways:

State .....	9,472.57
County .....	4,736.29
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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

George-Barden Fund .....	20.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund .....	960.00
Deposits on Plans & Bids .....	20.00
Mach. Rental Fund .....	882.30
Tailings .....	206.34

### School Athletic Activities Fund:

High School .....	1,091.68
Cole Trade School .....	613.91
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### Overestimates 1950:

County Tax .....	1,486.64
County Hospital Assessment .....	3,965.24
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### Federal Grants:

#### Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration .....	371.00
Aid .....	3,040.62

#### Old Age Assistance:

Administration .....	3,139.01
Assistance .....	28,455.45
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35,006.08

## ASSETS

### Underestimates 1950:

State Parks and Reservations Assessment .....

### Overdrawn Accounts:

Highways—Chapter 90

Maintenance 1950 .....

Cemeteries .....

2,384.40

43.66

524.26

2,428.06

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

### Appropriation Balances:

Town Hall Alterations

and Repairs .....

Board of Appeals .....

By-Laws Revision .....

Town Government

Survey .....

Civilian Defense .....

Hook St. Property

Purchase .....

Child Welfare—

Salaries .....

Sewer Plant—

Engineering Costs .....

Fairmont Ave. Drain .....

Morris St. Drain .....

Wardwell Ct. Drain .....

West St. & Locust Ave.

Reconstruction & Drain

Westwood Parkway

Resurfacing .....

Charlton St. Reconstruction

Durfee St. Resurfacing .....

Dresser St. Resurfacing .....

Belmont St. Grading .....

Chapter 90 Construction

Highway, New Equipment

648.30

104.60

81.84

171.06

1,500.00

20,000.00

10.00

2,605.09

571.77

5,267.59

3,376.00

293.95

103.94

379.73

718.35

12,348.04

443.08

3,997.94

982.85

School Survey .....	5,000.00
River St. School	
Retaining Wall .....	1,023.12
Library Alterations .....	4,000.00
Town Clock Repairs .....	756.58
Airport Maintenance .....	473.18
Foster St. Parking	
Lot Repairs .....	944.70
Lease of Veterans'	
Quarters .....	1,125.00
Cemetery Improvements	1,812.77
Cemetery, Stone Arch .....	1,185.00
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	69,924.48
Sewer Assessment	
Reserve .....	11,409.68
Reserve Fund—Overlay	
Surplus .....	39,981.33
<b>Overlays Reserved for</b>	
<b>Abatements:</b>	
Levy of 1949 .....	1,073.12
Levy of 1950 .....	11,344.36
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	12,417.48
<b>Revenue Reserved Until</b>	
<b>Collected:</b>	
Motor Vehicle and	
Trailer Excise .....	5,950.76

# ASSETS

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Special Assessment .....	5,141.13
Tax Title and Tax Possession .....	3,396.07
Departmental .....	23,664.19
Aid to Highways .....	14,208.86
	<u>52,361.01</u>
Surplus Revenue .....	153,935.78
	<u>\$484,800.18</u>

## DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments. Not Due .....		
	\$ 251.28	\$ 127.40
		61.94
		61.94
		<u>\$ 251.28</u>
Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:		
Due in 1951 .....		
Due in 1952 .....		
Due in 1953 .....		
	\$ 251.28	\$ 251.28

# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$102,000.00	Street Pavement Loans	\$ 20,000.00
		Sewer Loans	14,000.00
		Eastford Rd and West St. Loan	36,000.00
		Northern Elementary Dist. School Loan	32,000.00
	<u>\$102,000.00</u>		<u>\$102,000.00</u>

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities	\$260,678.22	Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$ 1,467.29
		Ella M. Cole Fund for Needy School Children	3,000.00
		Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund	440.89
		Mary Mynott Library Fund	1,000.00
		Mabel Murphy Cemetery Fund	2,000.00

# ASSETS

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Adah Stedman Cemetery Fund .....	1,000.00
Cemetery General Care Funds .....	25,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	55,035.30
Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	171,734.74
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	<u>\$260,678.22</u>

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## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Contributory Retirement Fund, Cash and Securities		
	\$122,683.68	\$ 93,885.99
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		19,914.85
		1,264.16
		424.92
		1,585.50
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	<u>\$122,683.68</u>	<u>\$122,683.68</u>

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	O'drawn Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
<b>General Government:</b>								
Moderator .....	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00		
Finance Committee .....	100.00		100.00	48.37		48.37	51.63	
Selectmen—Salaries .....	3,730.00		3,730.00	3,730.00		3,730.00		
Selectmen—Expenses .....	1,000.00		1,000.00	838.24		838.24	161.76	
Accountant—Salaries .....	4,710.00							
From Accountant—								
Out of State Travel ..		250.00						
From Excess and								
Deficiency .....		400.00	5,360.00	5,099.80		5,099.80	260.20	
Accountant—Expenses ..	500.00		500.00	455.74		455.74	44.26	
Accountant—Out of								
State Travel .....	250.00		250.00					
To Accountant—Salaries					250.00	250.00		
Treasurer—Salaries .....	4,445.00		4,445.00	4,414.50		4,414.50	30.50	
Treasurer—Expenses .....	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,567.81		1,567.81	32.19	
Tax Collector—Salaries ..	4,710.00							
From Reserve Fund .....		75.00	4,785.00	4,785.00		4,785.00		
Tax Collector—Expenses	2,400.00							
From Reserve Fund .....		300.00	2,700.00	2,670.33		2,670.33	29.67	
Assessors—Salaries .....	5,960.00		5,960.00	5,960.00		5,960.00		
Assessors—Expenses .....	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,349.71		1,349.71	150.29	
Town Clerk—Salaries .....	2,420.00		2,420.00	2,420.00		2,420.00		
Town Clerk—Expenses .....	600.00							
From Town Clerk .....		.06	600.06	600.06		600.06		
Election & Registration—								
Salaries .....	450.00		450.00	450.00		450.00		
Election & Registration—								
Election Expenses .....	7,395.51		7,395.51	7,361.34		7,361.34	34.17	

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)

Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Bal. to Forw'ded Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
Law—Salaries .....	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,599.96		1,599.96	.04	
Law—Expenses .....	200.00						
By Refund .....	54.15						
By Reserve Fund .....	200.00	454.15	323.40		323.40	130.75	
Engineering—Salaries .....	14,352.00	14,352.00	12,807.40		12,807.40	1,544.60	
Engineering—Expenses .....	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,310.77		1,310.77	239.23	
Town Hall—Salaries .....	2,728.00	2,728.00	2,728.00		2,728.00		
Town Hall—Expenses .....	6,000.00						
From Reserve Fund .....		6,529.71	6,512.64		6,512.64	17.07	
Planning Board .....	1,000.00						
By Refund .....	106.90	1,106.90	1,087.11		1,087.11	19.79	
Board of Appeals— .....							
Balance from 1949 .....	175.25	175.25	70.65		70.65		104.60
Contributory Retirement— .....							
Expenses .....	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,090.00		1,090.00		
By—Laws Revision— .....							
Balance from 1949 .....	81.84	81.84					81.84
Total Gen. Government .....	70,350.51	72,523.42	69,340.83	250.00	69,590.83	2,746.15	186.44

## Protection of Persons & Property:

Police—Salaries .....	74,024.66						
Bal. from 1949 .....	1,210.00						
By Refund .....	174.16	75,408.82	72,393.00		72,393.00	3,015.82	
Police—Expenses .....	8,625.00						
Police—1 Car .....	1,800.00						
Police—Radio System .....	2,600.00						
By Refund .....	25.80	13,050.80	13,047.11		13,047.11	3.69	

Fire—Salaries .....	69,493.99	5,505.00	74,998.99	67,183.36	5,505.00	72,688.36	2,310.63
Bal. from 1949 .....							
To Revenue .....							
Fire—Expenses .....	5,176.44						
Fire—Snow and Ice Removal .....	150.00						
From Reserve Fund .....		3,952.00					
From Fire—Out of State Travel .....	150.00	105.00	9,383.44	8,611.41		8,611.41	772.03
Fire—Out of State Travel To Fire Expenses .....			150.00	45.00			
Fire—New Apparatus .....	2,298.50		2,298.50	2,289.88	105.00	150.00	
Hydrants .....	16,885.00		16,885.00	16,637.50		2,289.88	8.62
Forest Fire—Salaries .....	200.00		200.00	200.00		16,637.50	247.50
Forest Fire—Expenses .....	1,000.00					200.00	
From Reserve Fund .....	700.00	795.00	1,795.00	1,614.07		1,614.07	180.93
Ambulance .....							
From Reserve Fund .....		100.00	800.00	791.61		791.61	8.39
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salaries .....	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Weights and Measures—Expenses .....	400.00		400.00	325.73		325.73	74.27
Tree Warden .....	1,750.00						
From Reserve Fund .....		500.00					
From Reserve Fund .....		1,218.00					
From Reserve Fund .....		930.00					
Moth Extermination .....	400.00		4,398.00	4,397.31		4,397.31	.69
Animal Inspector—Salary .....	125.00		400.00	400.00		400.00	
Animal Inspector—Expenses .....	75.00		125.00	124.92		124.92	.08
Building Inspector—Salary .....	400.00		75.00	72.33		72.33	2.67
Building Inspector—Expenses .....							
Salary .....			400.00	399.96		399.96	.04
Building Inspector—Expenses .....	100.00		100.00	93.50		93.50	6.50
Wire Inspector—Salary .....	400.00		400.00	399.96		399.96	.04
Wire Inspector—Expenses .....	100.00		100.00	96.54		96.54	3.46

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance or Forw'ded Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
Dog Officer .....	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00		
Street Lighting .....	17,194.00		17,194.00	16,561.88		16,561.88	632.12	
Total Protection of Per- sons and Property .....	205,847.59	14,514.96	220,362.55	207,485.07	5,610.00	213,095.07	7,267.48	
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>								
Health—Salaries .....	9,505.00		9,505.00	9,497.44		9,497.44	7.56	
Health—Expenses .....	13,548.00							
From Reserve Fund .....		2,000.00	15,548.00	14,995.66		14,995.66	552.34	
Sewer—Salaries .....	2,925.00		2,925.00	2,925.00		2,925.00		
Sewer—Expenses .....	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,111.27		1,111.27	888.73	
Total Health and Sanitation .....	27,978.00	2,000.00	29,978.00	28,529.37		28,529.37	1,448.63	
<b>Highways:</b>								
Highways—Salary .....	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,080.67		3,080.67	519.33	
Highways—Labor .....	36,000.00							
From Morris St. Drain and Resurfacing .....		2,346.74	38,346.74	37,378.48		37,378.48	968.26	
Highways—Expenses .....	10,000.00							
From Morris St. Drain and Resurfacing .....		4,000.00	14,000.00	13,999.63		13,999.63	.37	
Highways—Oil for Roads .....	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,999.39		9,999.39	.61	
Road Mach. Maintenance .....	7,500.00							
From Rd. Mach. Rental .....		2,861.11						
By Refunds .....		9.81	10,370.92	10,361.35		10,361.35	9.57	



**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)**

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance Forw'ded to 1951 12/31/50
Balance from 1949		279.45						
From Grant		11,447.86						
By Refunds		50.50	11,777.81	8,737.19		8,737.19		3,040.62
O. A. A. Federal Grant—								
Salaries and Administration:								
Balance from 1949		2,127.99						
By Grants		3,230.37	5,358.36	2,219.35		2,219.35		3,139.01
Old Age Assistance—								
Federal Grant—Expenses:								
Balance from 1949		12,916.13						
By Grants		96,268.79						
By Refunds		776.13	109,961.05	81,505.60		81,505.60		28,455.45
Child Welfare—Salaries	1,560.00							
From State & Towns		4,391.48	5,951.48	5,811.48		5,811.48	130.00	10.00
Child Welfare—Expenses	660.00		660.00	628.87		628.87	31.13	
Infirmary—Salaries	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00		
Infirmary—Expenses	7,000.00							
From O. A. A. Expenses		1,500.00	8,500.00	8,291.49		8,291.49	208.51	
Infirmary—Maintenance								
From O. A. A. Expenses		743.96	743.96	743.96		743.96		
Vet. Benefits—Salaries	1,125.00		1,125.00	1,125.00		1,125.00		
Vet. Benefits—Expenses	16,800.00							
From Burial Allowance		500.00						
From Soldier's Burials		400.00						
From Excess and Def.		1,500.00						
From Reserve Fund		525.00						
From Excess and Def.		5,000.00						
By Refunds		95.00	24,820.00	24,707.86		24,707.86		112.14
Soldier's Burials	400.00		400.00					



# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance O'drawn Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
<b>Recreation and Unclassified:</b>								
Parks .....	500.00		500.00	497.00		497.00	3.00	
Playgrounds .....	3,800.00		3,800.00	3,797.97		3,797.97	2.03	
World War Memorial .....	375.00		375.00	375.00		375.00		
Honor Roll .....	350.00		350.00	349.22		349.22	.78	
Public Band Concerts .....	500.00		500.00	453.40		453.40	46.60	
Swimming Pool .....	4,800.00		4,800.00	4,795.84		4,795.84	4.16	
Dresser St. Rec. Field—Sal. From Reserve Fund .....	3,500.00	199.50	3,699.50	3,698.50		3,698.50	1.00	
Dresser St. Recreation Field Maintenance & Improve. By Refund .....	3,000.00	5.59	3,005.59	3,003.48		3,003.48	2.11	
Dresser St. Rec. Field— Repairs to Field .....	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,194.75		1,194.75	5.25	
Alumni Field .....	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,999.03		2,999.03	.97	
Airport Maint. Acc't Balance from 1949 .....		500.00	500.00	26.82		26.82		473.18
Dam. to Pers. & Prop. ....	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,406.75		4,406.75	93.25	
Memorial Day .....	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00		
Armistice Day .....	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Annual Reports .....	1,500.00							
From Reserve Fund .....		88.50	1,588.50	1,588.50		1,588.50		
Pensions—Non-Contributory Balance from 1949 .....	8,443.92	300.00	8,743.92	8,380.84		8,380.84	363.08	
Insurance .....	18,026.81							
By Refund .....		107.69	18,134.50	15,805.99		15,805.99	2,328.51	
Town Clock .....	150.00							
By Reserve Fund .....		675.00	825.00	68.42		68.42		756.58

Water and Ice .....	600.00	600.00	560.10	39.90	
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years .....	12,467.92	12,467.92	12,380.97	86.95	
Pension Acc't Fund .....	11,918.00	11,918.00	11,918.00		
Total Rec. and Unclassified	79,831.65	1,876.28	77,500.58	2,977.59	1,229.76
<b>Cemeteries and Enterprises:</b>					
Cemeteries .....	4,100.00				
Overdrawn 12/31/49 (49.65)					43.66
From Trust Fund Income		2,154.93			
From Reserve Fund .....		350.00	6,598.94		1,812.77
Cemetery Improve. Acc't	2,140.00	6,604.93	327.23		
Oak Ridge Cemetery Stone		2,140.00			
Arch Entrance .....	1,200.00	1,200.00	15.00		1,185.00
Total Cemeteries and Enterp.	7,440.00	9,944.93	6,941.17	2,997.77	43.66

#### Special Accounts:

Mechanic St. Chapter 90					
Contract #11752					
Balance from 1949 .....	2,602.02				
From State & County					
Reimbursements .....	7,857.86	10,459.88	10,459.71	.17	
1947 Eastford Rd. Chap. 90					
Const., Overdrawn					
Acc't 12/31/49 (740.20)					
By Refunds .....	740.20	740.20			
Town Government Survey					
Balance from 1949 .....	171.06	171.06			171.06
Town Hall Alterations and					
Repairs, Bal. from 1949	648.30	648.30			648.30
Foster St. Parking Lot					
Repairs, Bal. from 1949 .....	1,004.70	1,004.70	60.00		944.70

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance O'drawn or Forw'ded Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
Fairmont Ave. Drain								
Balance from 1949		932.00	932.00	360.23		360.23		571.77
Meadowbrook Rd. Drain								
Balance from 1949		1,050.15	1,050.15					
To Belmont St. Grading					1,050.15	1,050.15		
Morris St. Drain and Resur-								
facing, Bal. from 1949		12,190.73	12,190.73					
To Morris St. Investigation					576.40			
To Highways—Labor					2,346.74			
To Highways—Expenses					4,000.00			
Morris St. Investigation						6,923.14		5,267.59
From Morris St. Drain								
and Resurfacing		576.40	576.40	576.40		576.40		
Charlton St. Reconstruction								
Balance from 1949		6,634.36	6,634.36	5,656.45				
To Charlton St. Investigation					598.18	6,254.63		379.73
Charlton St. Investigation								
From Charlton St. Recon.		598.18	598.18	598.18		598.18		
Mechanic St. Sewer								
Balance from 1949		3,937.37	3,937.37	2,271.18		2,271.18	1,666.19	
E. Main, Mechanic, &								
Crystal Sts. Sewer								
Consulting Engineer	500.00							
Balance from 1949		4,299.61	4,799.61	4,223.44		4,223.44	576.17	
Clemence Hill Water Hole								
Balance from 1949		200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00		
Sewage Disposal Plant—								
Engineering Services,								
Balance from 1949		16,914.00	16,914.00	14,308.91		14,308.91		2,605.09

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# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Bal. to Forw'ded Accounts
Henry St. Land Purchase ....	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Main, E. Main, Mechanic & Crystal Sts. Rotary ...	12,500.00							
Reimbursements from State & County .....		23,291.14	35,791.14	31,793.20		31,793.20		3,997.94
Dudley Hill Rd. Bridge Repair .....	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,991.50		1,991.50	8.50	
North St. and Benefit St. Drain .....	2,150.00		2,150.00	1,938.62		1,938.62	211.38	
Lemire Post #6055 Lease .....	1,800.00		1,800.00	675.00		675.00		1,125.00
Belmont St. Sewer .....	3,200.00		3,200.00	3,021.60		3,021.60	178.40	
Woodycrest Ave. Sewer .....	6,350.00		6,350.00	5,749.14		5,749.14	600.86	
Golf St., Kingsley St. & No. Woodstock Rd. Sewer	7,900.00		7,900.00	6,934.08		6,934.08	965.92	
Locust Ave. Sewer .....	4,900.00		4,900.00	3,776.35		3,776.35	1,123.65	
School Planning Survey .....	9,000.00		9,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00		5,000.00
West St. Land Damages .....	1.00		1.00				1.00	
Belmont St. Grading From Meadowbrook Rd Drain		1,050.15	1,050.15	607.07		607.07		443.08
Lucien Duff vs. Inhabitants of Town of Southbridge								
From Reserve .....		1,128.12	1,128.12	1,128.12		1,128.12		
Civil Defense Account From Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	1,500.00					1,500.00
Total Special Account	124,927.00	99,233.63	224,160.63	145,111.67	11,172.75	156,284.42	6,618.35	60,517.66

**Interest and Maturing Debt:**

Interest—Temporary Loans	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,471.33	428.67
Interest—Funded Debt .....	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	
Maturing Debt .....	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans				
Balance from 1949 .....	100,000.00			
Issued 1950 .....	350,000.00	450,000.00	350,000.00	100,000.00
Total Interest & Mat. Debt	34,820.00	484,820.00	384,391.33	428.67
				100,000.00

**Agency, Trust & Investment:**

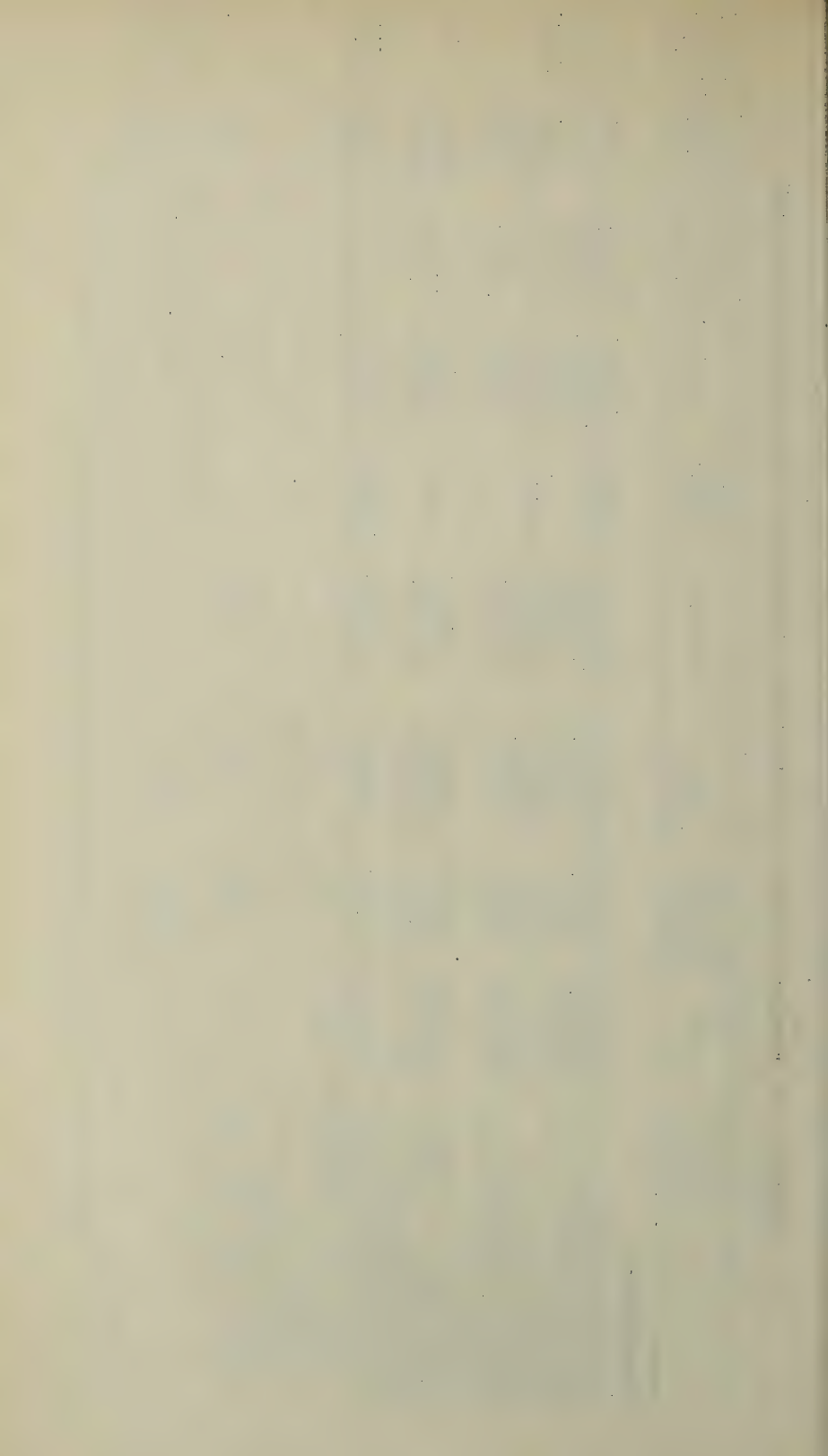
Federal Tax Deductions .....	56,459.45	56,459.45	56,459.45	
Blue Cross .....	3,976.85	3,976.85	3,976.85	
Deposit on Plans and Bids ..	5,180.00	5,180.00	5,160.00	20.00
Mable Murphy Fund				
Balance from 1949 .....	6.67			
Fund Income .....	45.00	51.67	15.00	36.67
Adah Stedman Fund .....	27.06	27.06		27.06
J. J. Angell Fund				
Balance from 1949 .....	31.27	31.27		31.27
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund				
Balance from 1949 .....	11.29	11.29		11.29
Ella M. Cole Fund:				
Balance from 1949	323.21			
Fund Income .....	72.50	395.71		395.71
Post War Rehabilitation Acc't				
Fund Income—Deposited	3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00

# **SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)**

Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance O'drawn or Forw'ded Accounts to 1951 12/31/50
High Sch. Ath. Assoc. Fund	3,442.03	3,442.03	2,350.35		2,350.35		1,091.68
Trade Sch. Ath. Assoc. Fund	733.94	733.94	120.03		120.03		613.91
Dog Tax for County	1,648.40	1,648.40	1,648.40		1,648.40		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Rcpt.							
Deposited	1,866.68	1,866.68	1,866.68		1,866.68		
State Auditing Tax	883.79						
O'drawn Bal 12/31/49 (3.64)		883.79	880.15		880.15		
State Parks & Reserv. Tax	2,146.54	2,146.54					
O'drawn bal. 12/31/49 (523.57)			2,147.23		2,147.23		
State Examination of Retirement System	83.06	83.06	83.06		83.06		524.20
County Tax	43,657.87						
Balance from 1949	2,150.61	45,808.48	42,171.23				
To Revenue				2,150.61	44,321.84		1,486.64
County TB Hosp. Maint. Tax	24,459.05						
Balance from 1949	6,457.21	30,916.26	20,493.81				
To Revenue				6,457.21	26,951.02		3,965.24
Various Overpayments—Refunds	1,362.51	1,362.51	1,362.51		1,362.51		
Total Agency, Trust & Invest.	71,230.31	158,399.99	142,109.75	8,607.82	150,717.57		7,679.47
							524.20

# **SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES (Continued)**

O'drawn Accounts 12/31/49	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue or Sew. Surp.	Balance or Forw'd to 1951	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/50
<b>Recapitulation:</b>									
General Government	70,350.51	2,172.91	72,523.42	69,340.83	250.00	69,590.83	2,746.15	186.44	
Prot. of Pers. & Prop.	205,847.59	14,514.94	220,362.55	207,485.07	5,610.00	213,095.07	7,267.48		
Health & Sanitation	27,978.00	2,000.00	29,978.00	28,529.37		28,529.37	1,448.63		
Highways	98,526.93	13,133.26	111,660.19	111,260.51		111,260.51	1,801.23	982.85	2,384.40
Charities & Vet. Benefits	241,910.00	148,346.54	390,256.54	346,564.70	6,643.96	353,208.66	2,031.80	35,016.08	
Schools & Libraries	434,212.82	19,079.86	453,292.68	448,556.49		448,556.49	722.96	4,013.23	
Recreation and Unclassified	79,831.65	1,876.28	81,707.93	77,500.58		77,500.58	3,734.17	473.18	
Cemeteries and									
Enterprises	7,440.00	2,504.93	9,944.93	6,941.17		6,941.17		2,997.77	43.66
Special Acc'ts.	124,927.00	99,233.63	224,160.63	145,111.67	11,172.75	156,284.42	6,618.35	60,517.66	
Interest and Mat. Debt	34,820.00	450,000.00	484,820.00	384,391.33		384,391.33	428.67	100,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest-									
ment & Refund	71,230.31	87,169.68	158,399.99	142,109.75	8,607.82	150,717.57		7,679.47	524.26
	1,317.06	1,397,074.81	840,032.03	2,237,106.86	1,967,791.47	2,000,076.00	26,799.44	211,866.68	2,952.32



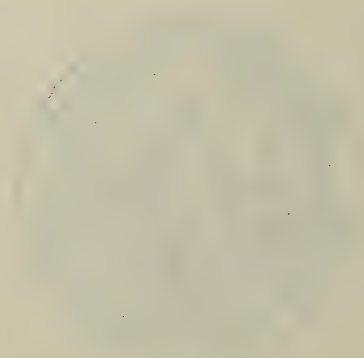
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# ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1950 - 1951

Rosaire LaFleche, Chairman, 18 Hudson Avenue .....	1951
Armand DeAngelis, 333 Worcester Street .....	1951
Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., 28 Maple Street .....	1951
Gabriel Crevier, 104 Highland Street .....	1951
Mrs. Frederic Beck, 103 Eastford Road .....	1953
Eugene LeBlanc, 30 Forest Avenue .....	1953

## Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall, except as follows:

In January, 2nd Monday

In March, 3rd Monday

In September, 2nd Monday

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ROBERT H. McCARN

Residence: 17 Franklin Terrace ..... Telephone 387-W

Office: Town Hall ..... Telephone 365

## Secretaries

Margaret R. Connolly, 38 South Street ..... Telephone 87

Leona Lavoie, Overland Street ..... Telephone 1998-W

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.

## **School Physicians**

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street ..... Telephone 984

Dr. Ada B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street ..... Telephone 32

## **School Nurse**

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 53½ Chapin Street ..... Telephone 2579

## **Supervisor of Attendance**

Paul A. Duhart, School Office ..... Telephone 1750-M

## **School Calendar—1951**

Winter term, seven weeks ..... January 2-February 16

Spring term, seven weeks ..... February 26-April 13

Summer term, nine weeks ..... April 23-June 22

Fall term, sixteen weeks ..... September 5-December 21

## **No School Signals**

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### In Brief:

Total Expenditures .....	\$436,391.92	
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....	148,025.43	
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Net Cost to Town .....		\$288,366.49

### In Detail:

#### Receipts to School Department

Appropriation .....	\$423,612.82	
Transfer—Finance Committee .....	8,700.00	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov't. ....	4,087.96	
George Barden Fund .....	\$712.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1950 .....	20.00	692.00
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Total—Funds Available .....		\$437,092.78

#### EXPENDITURES

#### General Control:

Salaries .....	\$ 11,586.63	
Other Expenses .....	2,075.17	
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Total—General Control .....		\$ 13,661.80

#### Auxiliary Agencies:

Transportation .....	\$ 16,037.48	
Tuition to other schools .....	700.10	
Compulsory attendance .....	200.00	
School Doctors .....	1,757.76	
School Nurse .....	2,797.40	
Medical expenses .....	491.57	
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Total—Auxiliary Agencies ....		21,984.31

#### High School:

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 88,437.96	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	1,784.26	
Supplies .....	3,380.82	
Other expenses .....	556.87	
Operation of plant .....	12,619.70	

Maintenance of plant .....	1,472.88	
Capital outlay .....	1,137.82	
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Total—High School .....		109,390.31

### Elementary Schools:

Instruction salaries .....	\$155,611.30	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	1,901.48	
Supplies .....	7,188.89	
Other expenses .....	279.08	
Operation of plant .....	26,565.53	
Maintenance of plant .....	3,299.06	
Capital outlay .....	2,134.33	
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Total—Elementary Schools .....		196,979.67

### Vocational School:

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 57,343.34	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	523.75	
Supplies .....	3,298.80	
Other expenses .....	294.87	
Operation of plant .....	5,302.03	
Maintenance of plant .....	2,468.80	
Capital outlay .....	979.48	
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Total—Vocational School .....		70,211.07

### Evening High School:

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 873.00	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	51.11	
Capital outlay .....	1.52	
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Total—Evening High School .....		925.63

### Elementary Evening School:

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,092.00	
Instruction expenses .....	48.80	
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Total—Elementary Eve. School .....		1,140.80

**Evening Vocational School:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 2,947.00	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	140.17	
Supplies .....	149.53	
Capital outlay .....	35.38	
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Total—Eve. Vocational School .....		3,272.08

**Household Arts:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 4,471.35	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	336.26	
Other expenses .....	16.39	
Maintenance of plant .....	152.61	
Capital outlay .....	191.76	
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Total—Household Arts .....		5,168.37

**Industrial Arts:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 4,017.67	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	181.85	
Maintenance .....	23.91	
Capital outlay .....	289.17	
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Total—Industrial Arts .....		4,512.60

**Domestic Science:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 1,162.66	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	149.37	
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Total—Domestic Science .....		1,312.03

**Visual Aids:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 800.00	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	230.98	
Maintenance .....	5.10	
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Total—Visual Aids .....		1,036.08

**Playgrounds:**

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 2,821.50	
Instruction expenses:		
Other expenses .....	976.47	
Total—Playgrounds .....		3,797.97
CONTINGENCY FUND .....		2,999.20
Total Expenditures .....		\$436,391.92
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1950 .....		700.86
		<u>\$437,092.78</u>

**REIMBURSEMENTS**

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as amended 1948, Chap. 643) .....	\$ 83,128.97	
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant .....	9,614.67	
Vocational School (Day) State Grant .....	12,978.82	
Vocational School—Gen. Vocational ....	7,358.93	
Vocational School (Evening)		
State Grant .....	990.47	
Household Arts—State Grant .....	2,611.44	
Worcester Girls' Trade School .....	225.00	
Evening Practical Arts School .....	529.39	
Adult Civic Education .....	560.00	
Worcester Evening Industrial and		
Practical Arts School .....	10.60	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund .....	4,087.96	
George Barden Fund .....	712.00	
High School Tuition .....	11,981.01	
Elementary School Tuition .....	480.37	
Vocational School Tuition .....	11,557.62	
Cole Trade High—Eve. School Tuition .....	105.80	
Household Arts—High School Tuition .....	149.76	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold .....	13.80	
Refunds .....	57.93	
Commonwealth of Mass.—Refund		
Teachers' Retirement Board .....	890.89	
Total .....		\$148,045.43
George Barden Fund—		
Balance, December 31, 1950 .....		20.00
Total Receipts Returned to		
Town Treasurer .....		<u>\$148,025.43</u>

# SCHOOL PERSONNEL — SALARIES

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1951

	Salaries	Special Duties	Gross Salary
McCarn, Robert H., Supt.	\$6,300.00	Out-of-state travel	\$ 200.00
Kyrios, Lewis, Director of Health and Safety	3,650.00	Phys. Ed. Dif.	200.00
		Athletics	50.00
Rosengren, Sven. Guidance Dir.	3,595.00	Differential	200.00
Van Etten, Eleanor, Music Super.	3,700.00	Differential	200.00
Sweet, Paul, Instrumental Music	3,010.00		3,010.00
<b>Mary E. Wells High School</b>			
Robertson, James M., Principal	5,200.00	(Even. School Incl.)	5,200.00
Aucoin, Pauline	3,265.00	Supply Room	200.00
Bartoli, Dorothy	3,330.00		3,330.00
Beauregard, Kathryn	3,628.33	Athletics	50.00
Birtz, Claire J.	2,930.00		2,930.00
Brodeur, Rose	3,500.00		3,500.00
Coderre, Constance	3,253.33		3,253.33
Corbin, Luise	3,150.00		3,150.00
Desroches, Edward	1,760.00	Visual Aids	800.00
		Athletics	200.00
Duhart, Paul	2,540.00	Attendance Officer	200.00
		Athletics	1,000.00
Fitzgerald, Thecla	3,515.00	Grad. Exer.	100.00
		Sr. Play C. & G.	100.00
			3,715.00

Hefner, C. Estelle .....	3,220.00	.....	3,280.00
Howe, Persis .....	3,280.00	.....	3,220.00
Kyrios, Barbara .....	3,270.00	.....	3,270.00
Laakso, Eino .....	3,602.50	Athletics .....	400.00
Lane, Arthur .....	3,050.00	Athletics .....	200.00
LeClair, Cecile .....	3,546.25	Dean of Girls .....	200.00
McMahon, Harry J. ....	3,526.67	Fac. Dir. Ath. ....	335.00
		Athletics .....	400.00
Tait, Flora .....	3,500.00		
Themistocles, Liberty .....	3,015.00	Athletics .....	200.00
Troy, Frances .....	3,300.00		
Varnam, Lindzay .....	3,250.00		
Wanerka, Elsie .....	2,915.00		
Welch, John .....	3,295.00		

#### Cole Trade High School

Benoit, Raymond L. W., Director .....	4,600.00	(Even. Sch. Incl.) .....	4,600.00
Andrews, Harold .....	3,590.00		3,590.00
Beaudette, Francis .....	2,760.00		2,960.00
Benson, John .....	3,590.00	Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00
Braman, George .....	3,590.00		3,590.00
Couture, Francis .....	3,590.00		3,590.00
Glondek, Walter .....	3,600.00		3,600.00
Hall, Ernest .....	500.00		500.00
Johnson, Nels .....	3,600.00		3,600.00
Julien, William .....	3,620.00		3,620.00
Lacouture, Claude, Ind. Arts. ....	3,285.00	Differential .....	200.00
Lavallee, Emery .....	3,440.00	Supervisor .....	560.00
		Bldg. Maint. Officer .....	500.00
			4,500.00

Nickerson, William .....	3,560.00	.....	.....	3,560.00
Paul, William .....	3,590.00	.....	.....	3,590.00
Skinyon, Frank .....	3,750.00	.....	.....	.....
Swenson, Lawrence .....	3,590.00	.....	Athletics	200.00
Remian, Eugene .....	2,615.00	.....	Fund. R. Acct.	100.00
		.....	Athletics	200.00
<b>Charlton Street School</b>				
Racine, R. Joseph, Principal .....	3,650.00	.....	Principal	350.00
Curtis, Elizabeth .....	3,350.00	.....	Athletics	200.00
Finnerty, Theodore .....	3,650.00	.....	Athletics	150.00
Golden, Helen .....	2,950.00	.....	.....	.....
Gough, Irene .....	2,940.00	.....	.....	.....
Hobart, Daniel .....	3,230.00	.....	.....	.....
Howes, Gladys .....	3,330.00	.....	.....	.....
Kirk, Claire .....	3,026.25	.....	.....	3,026.25
Mahan, Ruth .....	3,070.00	.....	.....	3,070.00
Saunders, Marie .....	3,020.00	.....	.....	3,020.00
Tarquinio, Florida .....	3,240.00	.....	.....	3,240.00
<b>Eastford Road School</b>				
Lataille, Raoul O., Principal .....	3,685.00	.....	Principal	250.00
Callahan, Patricia .....	3,581.25	.....	Athletics	225.00
Campbell, Marjorie .....	3,350.00	.....	.....	4,160.00
Dupuis, Josette .....	2,750.00	.....	.....	3,581.25
Foley, Bertha .....	3,095.00	.....	.....	3,350.00
Jenness, Ellwood .....	3,200.00	.....	Athletics	2,750.00
		.....	.....	3,095.00
		.....	.....	3,325.00

Jodrey, Myrtle .....	3,150.00
Maxwell, Cathryn .....	2,900.00
McSweeney, Bridie .....	3,200.00
Morrill, Julia .....	3,046.67
Serleto, Marie .....	2,362.50

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.....	2,900.00
.....	3,200.00
.....	3,046.67
.....	2,362.50

### Marcy Street School

L'Ecuver, Constance, Principal .....	3,625.00
Dintini, Camella .....	3,263.34
Dion, Alice W. ....	2,995.00
Henderson, Charlotte .....	3,200.00
Huson, Ruth .....	3,080.00
Nash, Malcolm .....	3,350.00
Salviuolo, Eva .....	3,143.33
Sweet, Celestine .....	3,086.67
Wallace, Bertha .....	2,900.00
Steenburn, Louise .....	1,620.00

Principal .....	200.00
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Athletics .....	200.00
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.....	3,825.00
.....	3,263.34
.....	2,995.00
.....	3,200.00
.....	3,080.00
.....	3,550.00
.....	3,143.33
.....	3,086.67
.....	2,900.00
.....	1,620.00

### Mechanic Street School

Eddy, A. Kathleen .....	3,250.00
Grape, Marjorie .....	2,900.00

Ktgn. Differential .....	200.00
Ktgn. Differential .....	200.00

.....	3,450.00
.....	3,100.00

### River Street School

Reed, Clara M. ....	2,900.00
Richardson, Ann .....	3,050.00
Towse, Evangeline .....	3,390.00

Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00
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Spec. Class Dif. ....	200.00

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.....	3,050.00
.....	3,590.00

## West Street School

Boyer, Laurenda, Principal .....	3,102.50	Principal .....	350.00	3,452.50
Beaudreau, Corinne .....	3,100.00	.....	.....	3,100.00
Casavant, Eva .....	3,552.50	.....	.....	3,552.50
Holmes, Everett .....	3,285.00	Athletics .....	150.00	3,435.00
Puracchio, Vincent .....	2,600.00	Athletics .....	100.00	2,700.00
Roberts, Emily .....	3,380.00	.....	.....	3,380.00
Sampson, Ruth .....	2,900.00	.....	.....	2,900.00
Sheriffs, Dorothy .....	2,900.00	.....	.....	2,900.00
Small, Elinor .....	3,095.00	.....	.....	3,095.00
Thornton, Mary .....	2,950.00	.....	.....	2,950.00

## Coaches

Carpentier, Nelson .....	300.00	.....	.....	300.00
Farland John .....	700.00	.....	.....	700.00

## Nurse and Doctors

Pinsonneault, Edna, R. N. ....	2,935.00	.....	.....	2,935.00
Langevin, William E., M. D. ....	1,650.00	.....	.....	1,650.00
Eccleston, Adah, M. D. ....	350.00	.....	.....	350.00

## Janitors

Alger, Frederick .....	2,600.00	.....	.....	2,600.00
Bertrand, Gerald .....	2,600.00	.....	.....	2,600.00
Caron, Philias .....	2,600.00	.....	.....	2,600.00
Craite, John B. ....	2,500.00	.....	.....	2,500.00

Gaumont, Armand .....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
L'Africain, Lucien .....	2,400.00	.....	2,400.00
Leduc, Theophile .....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
L'Homme, Rodolph .....	2,400.00	.....	2,400.00
Moore, Joseph R. ....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Tetreault, Eugene .....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00

### Secretaries

Connolly, Margaret, Supt.'s Sec. ....	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00
Lavoie, Leona, Supt.'s Sec. (part time) .....	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00
Adams, Nora, High School Sec. ....	2,150.00	.....	2,150.00
Baybutt, Maureen, Trade H. S. Sec. ....	2,150.00	.....	2,150.00
Hofstra, Elsie A., Trade H. S. Clerk .....	2,150.00	.....	2,150.00

### Elementary Evening School\*

Callahan, Patricia .....	3,581.25	Jan.-Feb. 1950	108.00	3,689.25
Dintini, Camella .....	3,263.34	Jan.-Dec. 1950	234.00	3,497.34
L'Ecuier, Constance .....	3,825.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	390.00	4,215.00
Sweet, Celestine .....	3,086.67	Oct.-Dec. 1950	126.00	3,212.67
Themistocles, Liberty .....	3,215.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	234.00	3,449.00

### Evening Vocational School\*

Andrews, Harold .....	3,590.00	Oct.-Dec. 1950	120.00	3,710.00
Braman, George .....	3,590.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	240.00	3,830.00

Couture, Francis .....	3,590.00	Jan.-Mar. 1950	120.00	3,710.00
Johnson, Nels .....	3,600.00	Oct.-Dec. 1950	120.00	3,720.00
Julien, William .....	3,620.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	270.00	3,890.00
Nickerson, William .....	3,560.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	192.00	3,752.00
Paul, William .....	3,590.00	Jan.-Mar. 1950	120.00	3,710.00
Skinyon, Frank .....	4,050.00	Jan.-Dec. 1950	240.00	4,290.00
Swenson, Lawrence .....	3,590.00	Jan.-Mar. 1950	120.00	3,710.00
Connolly, Margaret, Clerk .....	2,600.00	Jan.-Mar. 1950	52.50	2,652.50
Baybutt, Maureen, Clerk .....	2,150.00	Oct.-Dec. 1950	40.00	2,190.00

\*The Amounts disbursed for Elementary Evening, Evening Vocational, are on a reimbursable basis from George Barden (Federal) Funds and from State Department of Education Funds.

### Summer Playgrounds

Kyrios, Lewis, Director .....	3,900.00	July 10-Aug. 18	300.00	4,200.00
Beauregard, Kathryn .....	3,628.33	July 10-Aug. 18	195.00	3,823.33
Howe, Persis .....	3,280.00	July 10-Aug. 18	191.75	3,471.75
Serleto, Marie .....	2,362.50	July 10-Aug. 18	195.00	2,557.50
Themistocles, Liberty .....	3,015.00	July 10-Aug. 18	195.00	3,210.00

To the School Committee and Citizens of Southbridge:

This is my first report to you as your Superintendent of Schools since assuming the duties of this office on August 1, 1950.

Let me begin by saying that I greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance which I have received from the School Committee, teachers, parents and citizens of Southbridge. You have made me aware of your support at all times, in affairs pertaining to the administration of schools; and even in the occasion of my father's recent death, your personal attention, sympathy and kindness to me at that time can never be forgotten. You have made me feel welcome and very much at home in this fine town of Southbridge.

May I take the liberty to cite a few general observations and commendations concerning your educational system in Southbridge:

1. The interest on the part of the citizenry in regard to schools in this community is almost universal. This is an exceptionally healthy situation and a definite indication of progress and the sincere desire to advance the cause of education.
2. The Town of Southbridge has every reason to be proud of its excellent staff of intelligent, well-trained and zealous school teachers and school personnel. The high degree of proficiency is quite apparent. The small turnover of teachers each year speaks well for the professional standards which you have endeavored to maintain here.
3. The general attitude of pupils toward school life in Southbridge is good. Their personality, deportment and effort, their respect for teachers, and their participation in school activities, all reflect good home care and home training which is a tribute to their parents.

A school system, however, does not stand still. There is no school system, even the finest, in which some improvement cannot be made or where some greater degree of perfection cannot be attained. Oliver Wendell Holmes, that great poet and philosopher, once said, "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving." Better schools are always possible. There is always room for a greater degree of perfection in the utility and beauty of the school grounds and buildings, in the courses of study and other activities and features of the educational program, in the acquisition of better textbooks and more adequate supplies, in

working toward a finer spirit of harmony among personnel, and in creating and maintaining good public relations with schools throughout the entire community. Innumerable are the ways and means of improving school conditions and situations.

It is the primary task of a Superintendent to analyze the school system frequently and to endeavor earnestly to effect those changes and improvements which are essential and most needed if the youth of our community are to be provided with the type of education which will properly equip them for life in the chaotic world of today.

The National Citizens Commission, comprising the Nation's leading citizens, in recently released statements, re-emphasizes the importance of the role of education today.

Mr. Bernard Baruch in commenting on the Commission's action said, "Education will help our citizens to distinguish between truth and falsehood, and thus better our chances for freedom."

General Eisenhower said, "To neglect our school system would be a crime against the future. Such neglect could well be more disastrous to all our freedoms than the most formidable armed assault on our physical defenses."

Mrs. Roosevelt commented, "The success of democracy depends upon an enlightened citizenry and as the world grows more complex, it is even more important to continue our efforts in the field of public education."

Mr. Austin declared, "Building a stronger educational system calls for widespread citizen support."

It is quite apparent that we, in Southbridge, should do all in our power to continue to promote the cause of education for the betterment of the community.

All our educational plans, policies, and programs must always be initiated and motivated by whatever is for the best interests of the physical, intellectual, and spiritual well-being of the boy or girl who sits before us in the classroom.

We must continue to improve the professional standards of our teachers to the end that we may attract and retain good teachers. This will tend to make our faculty stable and efficient. Let us remember that a good teacher is still the most important factor in the educational life of any pupil. Better teaching means better schools. Competent teachers deserve adequate pay and pleasant teaching conditions.

Southbridge, like most other growing communities, is suffering from overcrowded conditions, especially in the elemen-

tary schools. We have tried to alleviate these difficulties by equalizing classroom enrollment wherever possible. Plans must soon be made, however, for larger housing facilities.

Essential supplies, textbooks, and equipment have been procured and requisitions for such have been approved. Every teacher must have necessary tools and teaching equipment to do efficient work.

Our school buildings need to be kept in repair and well maintained at all times. They need to be well painted, well lighted, carefully cleaned. This takes considerable time, energy, and money. We will try to expand our maintenance program as much as our finances will allow. The custodians of Southbridge schools are to be especially commended for the job which they are doing in the upkeep of their respective buildings.

The duties of a Superintendent of Schools are countless; his time and energy, however, are necessarily limited. As an administrator, he must recommend practically all educational plans, policies, or programs which directly or indirectly affect the school system. The organization of all departments and units within the system both on the secondary and elementary grade level is under his direction. The supervision of work being done by principals, teachers, custodians, and all other school employees is also his responsibility. He is the executive officer of the School Committee and the State Department of Education to carry out and enforce whatever decisions or laws these two legislative and judicial bodies may make. A Superintendent is responsible to several groups. His decisions necessarily affect all groups but are not always readily accepted by them, which makes his position difficult at times. However, it should be clearly understood that all my recommendations in regard to policies, personnel and procedure will be made solely on the basis of the best interests of the school system and the children of Southbridge. It has been well said that, "A school system will progress only to the degree that its Board of Education and school staff adhere strictly to professional administration."

A Superintendent's work is so vast in its scope that its success depends upon the cooperation of everyone in the community working together for a common purpose, molding the children of today into worthy American citizens of tomorrow.

We will continue to work to improve our school system in Southbridge. To this end, the following recommendations, which I have made since assuming office in August, have been adopted.

## ART SUPERVISOR

An Art Supervisor has been appointed to supervise this extremely important education activity in all the elementary grades as well as in the high school. This new art program is now in effect and the reaction and progress in Art already being made on the part of pupils is quite noticeable.

## NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

A new program of Physical Education to include every child of school age is now being conducted in our schools for the first time. One half hour per day is devoted to this activity in each classroom. This replaces the antiquated, uncontrolled recess period which is purposeless, unsafe, and unsound as far as correct physical development of the child is concerned. These periods of properly supervised physical education teach children how to play together; how to organize their own games; how to cooperate, live democratically, and grow into youth and adulthood, healthily, happily and heartily.

## SPEECH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

A speech activities program to include public speaking, dramatics, and debating has been organized in all our elementary schools. This is important training for boys and girls during their formative years. If democracy is to be preserved, we need men and women, future citizens, who can stand before the public and express themselves with force and fortitude. Pupils will be given opportunity to show their skill in these forensic arts in public demonstrations during the year.

## ONE-SESSION DAY

Plans for a one-session day at Mary E. Wells High School have been approved and will become effective as soon as details are completed for its organization. A Survey of parents, regarding its adoption, showed 95% in favor of the one-session plan. Pupils will have better chances of part-time employment, and more opportunity to participate in athletics, music, or other extra-curricular activities. Their school day will not be broken and their rotating schedule of studies will lend itself to greater motivation and incentive. Educators in general regard the one-session plan as more progressive and more sound from every educational viewpoint.

Plans for a one-session day at Cole Trade High School are being studied and surveys are being made with the cooperation of Director Raymond L. W. Benoit. State laws must be

complied with and other problems solved before its adoption is deemed feasible.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

A hot lunch program, subsidized by the Federal Government, is being planned to tie in with a one-session day. This means considerable time and study, to properly locate the lunch room in the High School and to arrange for adequate facilities and equipment. This lunch will be a type A variety, of necessity rather simple to begin with, but developing into a more elaborate and a more nutritious lunch as soon as time and finances will permit. We hope to make this hot lunch program available eventually not only to high school pupils but to one hundred bus pupils as well who attend the Marcy Street School.

## SUPERVISOR OF FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM

A supervisor of this Federal Lunch program has been appointed.

## CUMULATIVE LEAVE FOR TEACHERS

A 30-day cumulative sick leave for teachers has been adopted.

## MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Plans to promote greater expansion of our musical groups—band, orchestra and glee clubs—have been initiated. New uniforms for the band should soon be available and a wider participation in music activities on the part of students in the grades is being encouraged.

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS EXTENSION COURSE

For in-service training of teachers in this new program of music education, a Harvard-Boston University Extension course is being conducted in the Mary E. Wells High School weekly under the direction of Miss Helen Leavitt of Boston University. A creditable percentage of our teachers have availed themselves of this opportunity and are taking the course.

## NEW COURSES AT TRADE SCHOOL

New courses have been added to our Trade School curriculum both in the day and evening classes.

## HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Our Home Economics and Household Arts departments are badly in need of new equipment, instructional apparatus, and renovation of housing conditions. Plans have been approved and completed to install new cooking units and to provide more modern facilities which will be taken care of in the immediate future. The instructors in this department are to be especially commended for their patience in working with such meager and antiquated equipment for so long a time.

## MAINTENANCE

Some painting, cleaning, and interior decorating in corridors, offices, and classrooms has been done. Much more work of this kind is being planned.

## HEALTH, GUIDANCE, AND VISUAL AIDS

Our Health, Guidance, and Visual Aids departments are expanding their services to teachers and pupils alike with excellent results. More details of their work will be found in the individual reports of the respective supervisors.

## SAFETY EDUCATION

A new program in Safety Education, including a course of study, has been integrated with classroom work in each grade.

Other plans for progress in our school system during the coming year are still in the embryonic stage. We look forward to their completion with hope and enthusiasm.

I thank you again for your marvelous spirit of interest in education and your whole-hearted support.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT H. McCARN,  
Superintendent of Schools.

# STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1949, to July, 1950. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1951.

## I—School Buildings (Including Cole Trade H. S.)—1950

No. Buildings Occupied .... 8      No. Classrooms Occupied .. 86

## II—Teachers (Including Cole Trade High School)

Number men teachers ..... 38      Number women teachers 55

## III—Pupils

Number of children in Town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7 .....	597
Between the ages of 7 and 14 .....	1,610
Between the ages of 14 and 16 .....	455

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16 .....	2,662
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Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1949	1950
From September to June .....	1,681	1,740
Number under 5 years of age .....		18
Number between 5 and 7 .....	211	280
Number between 7 and 14 .....	913	920
Number between 14 and 16 .....	307	314
Number over 16 years of age .....	250	226
Average membership .....	1,601	1,690
Average daily attendance .....	1,520	1,607

## Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME

From September to June .....	643	679
Number between 5 and 7 .....	164	148
Number between 7 and 14 .....	411	445
Number between 14 and 16 .....	56	55
Number over 16 years of age .....	12	24
Average membership .....	630	663
Average daily attendance .....	600	636

## Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC

From September to June .....	318	308
Number between 5 and 7 .....	114	112
Number between 7 and 14 .....	190	185
Number between 14 and 16 .....	14	7
Number over 16 years of age .....	0	0
Average membership .....	310	297
Average daily attendance .....	294	285

Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S				
From September to June .....	221	218		
Number between 5 and 7 .....	24	39		
Number between 7 and 14 .....	161	135		
Number between 14 and 16 .....	25	22		
Number over 16 years of age .....	11	22		
Average membership .....	219	218		
Average daily attendance .....	207	207		
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (Day)				
From September to June .....	199	223		
Number between 14 and 16 .....	94	92		
Number over 16 years of age .....	105	131		
Average membership .....	141	164		
Average daily attendance .....	132	151		
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH				
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL				
From September to June .....	69	88		
Number over 16 years of age .....	69	88		
Average membership .....	50	25		
Average daily attendance .....	48	23		

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTER

School Year Ending July 1, 1950

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
<b>M. E. Wells H. S.</b>							
	180	284	464	467	433.48	453.72	95.50
<b>Charlton St.</b>							
Grade 8	15	19	34	35	32.58	33.30	97.84
Grade 7	7	20	27	27	24.76	25.49	97.14
Grade 6a**}							
Grade 6b**}	24	16	40	42	36.21	37.23	97.26
Grade 5a	10	12	22	23	21.92	22.54	97.25
Grade 5b	13	7	20	24	21.30	21.86	97.50
Grade 4	20	14	34	35	32.61	33.46	97.47
Grade 3	14	13	27	27	22.00	23.00	96.79
Grade 2	13	14	27	32	25.98	27.14	95.55
Grade 1a	16	11	27	28	25.38	26.98	94.06
Grade 1b	12	8	20	25	17.01	18.28	91.61
Total	144	134	278	298	259.75	269.28	96.24*
<b>Eastford Rd.</b>							
Grade 8	10	14	24	24	22.14	23.17	95.58
Grade 7	7	15	22	22	19.40	20.13	96.87
Grade 6	21	18	39	42	37.60	39.28	95.74
Grade 5	17	20	37	39	34.63	35.92	96.40

\*An Average

\*\*Grades divided and joined at end of second month

**Statistics from School Register (Continued)**

	Boys	Girls	Tot..	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
Grade 4	18	16	34	36	32.53	33.73	96.43
Grade 3a**}	25	22	47	45	23.33	25.15	94.84
Grade 3b**}							
Grade 2							
Grade 1a	17	14	31	32	28.77	30.42	91.65
Grade 1b	14	14	28	33	26.17	28.46	91.95
Total	151	151	302	315	260.68	274.69	96.08*
<b>Marcy St.</b>							
Grade 8	6	7	13	13	12.17	12.52	97.16
Grade 7	13	14	27	27	25.30	26.25	96.36
Grade 6	21	10	31	34	31.51	32.16	96.34
Grade 5	17	17	34	38	31.64	33.81	93.65
Grade 4	14	17	31	31	29.53	30.69	96.22
Grade 3	21	13	34	35	32.04	33.98	94.29
Grade 2	21	19	40	41	37.34	39.22	91.08
Grade 1	27	14	41	41	35.81	38.69	92.70
Total	140	111	251	260	235.34	247.32	94.72*
<b>Mechanic St.</b>							
Grade 2	8	15	23	25	20.92	21.87	94.76
<b>River St.</b>							
Grades 1 & 2	17	12	29	30	25.19	27.52	91.53
<b>West St.</b>							
Grade 8	12	13	25	25	24.07	24.85	96.81
Grade 7	12	16	28	28	26.41	27.30	96.43
Grade 6	16	21	37	38	34.93	36.38	96.03
Grade 5	17	20	37	41	37.76	39.01	96.20
Grade 4	18	18	36	36	34.56	35.79	95.03
Grade 3	22	20	42	43	39.26	40.85	96.03
Grade 2	21	19	40	43	38.04	40.34	94.29
Grade 1	10	17	27	27	23.63	25.50	92.71
Total	128	144	272	281	258.66	270.02	95.44*
<b>Marcy St. (W. H. S.)***</b>							
Manual Arts	43		43	43	21.16	24.41	88.85
<b>River St.</b>							
Ungraded	19		19	19	12.64	13.57	93.46
Ungraded		9	9	10	9.12	9.73	93.96
Total	19	9	28	29	21.76	23.30	93.71*
<b>Mechanic St.</b>							
Kindergarten	26	14	40	41	34.32	38.27	89.69
Kindergarten	28	14	42	43	36.14	40.03	90.28
Total	54	28	82	84	70.46	78.30	89.98*

\*An Average

\*\*\*Wells High School Building

# ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1949 — June 1950 (Girls)

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Tot.
I		22	67	7		1													97
II			29	55	2	1	1												88
III				17	42	4		1											64
IV					18	32	7	4	2		1	1							65
V						18	39	9	3	6									75
VI							18	24	12	11	6	2							73
VII								19	25	12	6	1	2						65
VIII									10	21	14	7							52
IX										24	34	17	5						80
X											1	19	40	17	2	1			80
XI													18	33	10				61
XII														17	34	9	1		61
Kdgtm.	4	23	1	2															30
Ungraded									1		3	3	1						8
Total	4	45	97	81	62	56	65	58	52	78	83	87	74	46	10	1			899

# ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1949 — June 1950 (Boys)

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Tot.
I		20	69	6															95
II			17	63	9	2	1												92
III				16	47	11	5	1	1										81
IV					12	31	18	6	1	1									69
V						8	35	11	11	6	1								72
VI							14	52	6	16	4	2							94
VII								3	19	10	5	2							39
VIII									9	16	12	5							42
IX										10	32	7	6	2					57
X											9	21	8	3					41
XI												8	27	7	1				43
XII													7	22	7	1	1	1	39
Kdgtm.	14	41																	55
Ungraded										3	9	16	20	1	1				50
Total	14	61	86	85	68	52	73	73	50	68	79	65	49	35	8	1	1	1	869

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

### Left

June—Retired—Edith Randall .....	West St. School
August—Resigned—William L. Bourgeois .....	Superintendent
August—Resigned—Freda Bisbee .....	River St. School
September—Resigned—Peter Merenda .....	Guidance
November—Leave of Absence—Philip Colognesi .....	Cole Trade H. S.

### Appointments

January—Philip Colognesi .....	Cole Trade H. S.
August—Robert H. McCarn .....	Superintendent
August—Daniel Hobart .....	Charlton St. School
September—Sven Rosengren .....	Guidance
September—Vincent Puracchio .....	West St. School

# CORPS OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1951

(The name, date of appointment, position held and training for position, appear in that order.)

(Code letters and characters denote the following: (a) Bachelor's Degree; (b) Master's Degree; (c) Graduate Work; (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience; \*On Leave of Absence.)

Robert H. McCarn, A.B., M.Ed.; 1950; Superintendent; Holy Cross College (a), Boston College (b), Portland University (c), University of Maine (c), Harvard (c), Boston University (c).

Sven O. Rosengren, B.S., A.M.; 1950; Director of Guidance and Placements; Springfield College (a), N. Y. State Teachers College (c), Washington University (b) (c), Boston University (c), Harvard University (c).

Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B., M.A.; 1938; Director of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Director in Elementary Schools; Tufts College (a) (b), Boston University (c), University of Connecticut (c).

Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B., B. Music; 1947; Music Supervisor; Wells College (a), New York U. (c), Schola Cantorum, Paris (c), Surette School (c), Christiansen School (c), Dillar Quaile School (c).

Paul J. Sweet; 1950; Director of Band and Orchestra; Boston U.

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed, M.A.; 1940; Director of Americanization; Fitchburg Teachers College (a), B. U. (b), Boston Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester Teachers College, Columbia University, Hyannis T. C. (c), Extension Courses (c).

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director; Clark (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c), Boston University (c).

Claire Birtz; 1937; Supervisor of Art; Worcester School of Art, Boston University, Fitchburg State Teachers College.

Margaret R. Connolly; 1922; Secretary to Superintendent; N. E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, University of Maine.

Leona Lavoie; 1950; Secretary in Superintendent's Office; Mary E. Wells H. S.

## Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson, B.S., M.Ed.; 1937; Principal; Boston University (a) (b) (c), Harvard (c), Mass. Extension Service (c), Rhode Island College of Education (c).

Nora B. Adams; 1947; Secretary to Principal; Mary E. Wells High School.

Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.; 1921; Commercial, Treasurer of Student Activities Funds; Boston University (a) (c).

Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S., Ed.; 1935; English; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c).

Kathryn Beauregard, A.B., M.A.; 1922; French, Spanish; Middlebury (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Claire Birtz; 1937; Art; Worcester School of Art, Boston University, Fitchburg State Teachers College.

Rose Brodeur, B.S., M.A.; 1939; French, Social Studies; Boston University (a) (c), N. Y. University (c), Middlebury (b).

Constance Coderre, B.S.; 1929; Commercial, Student Council; Simmons (a), Boston University (c), Columbia (c).

Luise B. Corbin; 1923; Home Economics, Junior Red Cross; Fitchburg T. C., Wheaton, Simmons.

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director, Biology, Coach; Clark (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c), Boston University (c).

Paul A. Duhart, B.S., Ed.; 1949; Civics, Law, Local Gov't., Coach; Boston University (a).

Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B., M.Ed.; 1926; English, Crimson and Gray; Radcliffe (a), Boston University (b).

C. Estelle Hefner, Ph.B.; 1933; Latin; Brown University (a), Boston University (c).

Persis F. Howe, B.S., Ed.; 1930; Commercial, Crimson and Gray Business Adviser; Salem T. C. (a), Columbia (c), Clark (c).

Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S., Ed.; 1940; Home Economics; Framingham T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (c), Lesley College.

Eino Laakso, A.B., M.A.; 1945; Algebra, Math., Gen. Science, Coach; Clark (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Arthur D. Lane, B.S., Ed., M.Ed., M.A.; 1948; Social Studies, Coach; Fitchburg T. C. (a) (b), Clark (c).

Cecile P. LeClair, B.S., Ed., M.A.; 1936; English, Dean of Girls; Worcester T. C. (a), Columbia (b) (c).

Harry J. McMahon, Ph.B., M.Ed.; 1926; Chemistry, Physics, Director of Athletics in High School; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (b), Harvard (c).

Flora Tait, B.S., Ed., M.A.; 1939; English; Framingham T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Cornell (c), Queen's University, Canada (c).

Liberty J. Themistocles, A. B.; 1946; Local Gov't, History, Science, Coach; Emmanuel (a), Columbia (c), Harvard (c).

Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.; 1927; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Lindzay Varnam, B.S.; 1943; Geometry, Algebra; Colby (a), Boston University (c).

Elsie Wanerka, B.S.Ed.; 1945; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c).

John E. Welch, B.S.; 1948; History, Coach; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c).

### **Cole Trade High School**

Raymond L. W. Benoit, B.S. in Engineering, M.Ed.; 1949; Director; Northeastern University (a), Springfield College (b), Harvard (c), Yale (c).

Maureen A. Baybutt; 1946; Secretary to Director; Feener Business School, University of Maine.

Elsie A. Hofstra; 1933; Clerk; Becker's Business College.

Harold A. Andrews; 1941; Painting and Decorating (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C.

Francis A. Beaudette, B.S.; 1948; Manual Arts Special Classes in High School Bldg.; Fitchburg T. C. (a).

John L. Benson; 1942; Drafting (d); Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.

George H. Braman; 1938; Sheet Metal (d); Northeastern U., Fitchburg T. C.

\*Philip L. Colognesi; 1950; Sheet Metal (d); Worcester Junior College (Mechanical Engineering).

Francis E. Couture; 1945; Electrical (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W. P. I.

Walter J. Glondek; 1938; Applied Science, Physics, Mechanics, Gov't, Social Studies; Cole Trade, Fitchburg T. C., Clark, Worcester Junior College.

Ernest Hall; 1926; Industrial Printing (d); Southbridge H. S.

Nels H. Johnson; 1937; Machine (d); General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T. C., Northeastern.

William A. Julien, A.B.; 1945; Mathematics, History: U. S., Industrial, and World, Economics; Manhattan College (a), Columbia (c), Boston University (c).

Claude D. Lacouture, B.S.Ed.; 1950; Academic; Fitchburg T. C. (a).

Emery A. Lavalley; 1926; Guidance and Supervision, Building Maintenance Officer; Fitchburg T. C., Southbridge Industrial, M. E. Wells High. Draftsman (d), W. P. I.

William C. Nickerson; 1941; General, Wood Cabinet-Making (d); Norwich University, Fitchburg T. C.

\*On leave of absence.

William B. Paul; 1942; General Machine (d); Lowell Institute, Fitchburg T. C.

Eugene J. Remian, B.S.Ed.; 1949; Academic Instructor; Holy Cross College (a), Boston University (c).

Frank P. Skinyon, B.S.Ed.; 1934; Cabinet-Making, Pattern-Making (d); Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Louise E. Steenburn; 1949; Academic Work Special Classes in High School Bldg.; Westfield T. C., Special-in-Service Training.

Lawrence F. Swenson; 1932; Related Science and Mathematics, Problems of Democracy; Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C., Boston University, Machinist (d), Drafting (d).

### **Charlton Street School**

R. Joseph Racine, A.B., M.Ed.; 1944; Principal; Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern University (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c).

Elizabeth Curtis, A.B., B.S. in Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Boston University (a), Salem T. C. (a), Harvard University (c).

T. Thomas Finnerty, A.B., M.A.; 1948; Grade 6, Departmental English and Art; Boston College (a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Boston University School of Education (c), University Extension (c), Harvard University (c).

Helen Golden; 1948; Grade 3; Our Lady of the Elms College, Hyannis Summer School.

Irene V. Gough; 1914; Grade 7, Departmental Social Studies, Music, Science, and Literature; Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension.

Daniel Hobart, A.B.; 1950; Grade 6, Departmental Science, Social Studies; Boston College (a), Queen's College (a), Harvard University (c), Cambridge University (c).

Gladys W. Howes, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Grade 1; Washington State Normal, Farmington State T. C., Colby College, Wittenberg College, Springfield, O., University of Maine (a), Boston University (c).

Claire A. Kirk; 1949; Grade 3; Bridgewater T. C., Willimantic T. C., Boston University, University of Connecticut, Worcester T. C.

Ruth Mahan; 1948; Grade 1; Worcester State T. C., Columbia University, Hyannis T. C.

Marie J. Saunders; 1924; Grade 8, Departmental Arithmetic, Art, Health and Safety; Teachers College West Chester, Pa., Extension Courses, B. U. Extension Courses, Worcester State T. C., B. U. Summer School.

Florida Tarquinio, B.S.Ed.; 1942; Grade 5; Worcester State T. C. (a), Clark U. (c).

### **Eastford Road School**

Raoul O. Lataille, A.B., M.Ed.; 1939; Principal, Coach; Assumption (a), Boston University (b) (c), Harvard U. (c).

Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed., M.Ed; 1939; Departmental Social Studies, Grades 6, 7, and 8; Science, Grades 7 and 8; Westfield T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (b), University Extension Courses (c).

Marjorie F. Campbell, B.S.Ed.; 1933; Departmental English, Literature, Spelling; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Simmons, Columbia, Harvard, B. U. (c).

Josette M. Dupuis, A.B.; 1948; Grade 4-B; Our Lady of the Elms (a), University Extension.

Bertha E. Foley; 1912; Grade 2-A; Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Ellwood S. Jenness, B.S.; 1948; Grade 5, Departmental Music; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Myrtle B. Jodrey; 1944; Departmental Math. Grades 6, 7, 8, Science Grade 6, Math. Grade 5, Art Grades 6, 7, 8; Fitchburg T. C., University Extension Courses.

Cathryn E. Maxwell; 1945; Grade 1; Lowell T. C.

Bridie F. McSweeney, B.S.Ed.; 1945; Grade 4-A; Willimantic T. C. (a).

Julia C. Morrill; 1914; Grade 3; St. Joseph's Normal, University Extension Courses.

Marie E. Serleto; 1949; Grade 2-B; Lesley College, Hyannis T. C., Boston University.

### **Marcy Street School**

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1940; Principal, English; Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Boston Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia University, Extension Courses (c), Hyannis T. C. (c), Harvard University (c).

Camella Dintini, B.S.Ed.; 1940; Grade 4; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c), Harvard (c), University Extension Courses (c).

Alice Wixted Dion; 1926; Grade 5; North Adams T. C., Hyannis T. C., Boston University, Extension Courses.

Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A. in Ed.; 1944; Grade 2; Keene T. C. (a).

Ruth Huson; 1945; Grade 3; Maine State Normal, Hyannis T. C., Boston University, Gorham T. C., Worcester T. C.

Malcolm Nash, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Departmental Reading, Grade 6, Science Grades 6, 7, 8, Coach; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Eva Salviuolo, B.S.Ed.; 1943; Grade 1; Worcester T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

Celestine C. Sweet; 1932; Departmental Social Studies, Music Grades 6, 7, 8, and Literature Grade 7; Our Lady of the Elms College, Hyannis T. C., Worcester T. C., Boston University, Extension Courses, Harvard-B. U. Extension .

Bertha L. Wallace; 1922; Departmental Mathematics Grades 6, 7, 8, Literature, Art Grade 8; Hyannis T. C., Boston University Extension Courses.

### **Mechanic Street School**

R. Joseph Racine; 1944; Principal; Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College (c), Northeastern U. (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c).

A. Kathleen Eddy, B.E.; 1949; Kindergarten; New Britain T. C. (a).

Marjorie H. Grape; 1949; Kindergarten; Wheelock, Hyannis Normal, Northfield Seminary, Babson Institute.

### **River Street School**

Laurenda A. Boyer; 1926; Principal; Boston University, Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Clara M. Reed; 1918; Academic and vocational subjects for girls; Westfield T. C., Worcester Girls' Trade, University Extension, Boston University, Harvard Extension, Worcester T. C.

Ann I. Richardson, B.Ed.; 1948; Grade 3; Plymouth T. C. (a).

Evangeline R. Towse, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Grades 1 and 2; Boston University (a), Salem T. C., Hyannis T. C., University Extension, Boston University (c).

### West Street School

Laurenda A. Boyer; 1926; Principal, Remedial Reading; Boston University, Worcester T. C., University Extension Courses.

Corinne E. Beaudreau; 1924; Grade 1; University Extension Courses.

Eva A. Casavant, B.S., M.A.; 1933; Departmental Social Studies, Art Grade 8; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark University (b).

Everett H. Holmes, A.B.; 1945; Departmental English, Literature, Spelling Grades 6 and 8, Science Grade 6, Mathematics Grade 6, Art Grade 7; Colby College (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c), University Extension Courses.

Vincent J. Puracchio, A.B., M.A.; 1950; English and Spelling Grades 6, 7, Reading and Social Studies Grade 6, Art Grade 6-2; American International College (a) (b).

Emily Roberts, B.S.Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Worcester T.C., Hyannis T. C. (a), Clark University (c), University of N. H. (c).

Ruth Sampson; 1930; Grade 5; Westfield T. C., University Extension Courses.

Dorothy M. Sheriffs; 1945; Grade 3; Westfield T. C., Boston University.

Elinor H. Small, A.B.; 1945; Departmental Mathematics, Science, Grades 6, 7, 8, Art Grade 6-1; Brown University (a), University Extension Courses, Worcester T. C. (c).

### Janitors

Name	App't.	School
Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Gerald Bertrand	1950	Mary E. Wells High School
Philius Caron	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street School
Lucien L'Africain	1950	Mary E. Wells High School
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Eugene Tetreault	1949	River Street School

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my fourteenth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1950-1951 is divided as follows: Seniors—92, Juniors—113, Sophomores—131, Freshmen—140, Post-graduates—2; making a total of 478 pupils.

### PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial and Civic-Social.

One hundred and four pupils were graduated on June 22, 1950 and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report, for the information of interested citizens.

#### Class of 1950—Academic

James Dimitri Athanas	*Betty Louise Hart
*Joan Evelyn Baker	*Theodore Chin Hong
Wanda Alfreda Bernard	*Katherine Frances Hyland
Kenneth Finbar Boland, Jr.	*Robert Edward Jones
*Raymond Alfred Brodeur	*Dorothy Ranney Kimball
*John Francis Campion	*Lucille Jeanne Lippe
*Raymond Stuart Casavant	Gerald Edward Lizotte
*Barbara Georgette Castrucci	Hugh Neil MacKinnon
*Mary Angeline Castrucci	*Anne Marie Maloney
†Harry Foster Chapell	*William Paul Martin
*Irene Mary Clements	*Cynthia Ann Mattson
*James Dexter Clifford	*Basil Paul Michaelaes
*Mary Louise Colognesi	*Madelene Yvette Proulx
*Adriana Elena DiBonaventura	
*William Eugene Dudek	Natalie Grace Pulsifer
†William Ernest Egan	*Jane Adaline Roberts
Leonard Joseph Ethier	*Marilyn Ann Rowett
*Robert Connell Genereux	*John Pasqual Toscano
*Frank Farquhar Grandone	*Jordan Zack
*Constance Marguerite Gravel	

### Commercial

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Jacquelyn Ann Allard     | *Marguerite Elizabeth Hebert |
| Richard Wilfred Antaya    | Roger Henri Jalbert          |
| Bernadette Mary Baybutt   | *Frank Steven Kaitbenski     |
| Lorraine Pauline Beaulieu | Lorraine Marie Lucier        |
| *Marilyn Adah Blackburn   | *Marshall Theodore Martel    |
| Therese Dora Bourassa     | *Constance Margaret Matys    |
| Stella Bournellas         | Patricia Ann McMahon         |
| *Anita Mary Bozzo         | *Evelyn Louise O'Donnell     |
| Shirley Irene Bruso       | *Elizabeth Pantos            |
| Dorothy Dolores           | *Donald Paul Peloquin        |
| Bucchiacchio              | Louise Cecilia Perron        |
| *Jane Mary Calcutt        | Barbara Jean Poirier         |
| Norma Lee Cassavoy        | *Yolande Diane Poirier       |
| Jean Cora Chase           | *Ninfa Marie Ricci           |
| Evangelous Chrisikos      | *Lorraine Georgette Robert   |
| Nancy Marsha Czyzewski    | *Mary Rutcho                 |
| Bernard Richard Dargie    | *Barbara Ann Sarrazin        |
| Patricia Ruth Davis       | *Lois Jean Shippee           |
| *Diana Edna DeAngelis     | *Audrey Joan Simonds         |
| Lucille Olga DeBlois      | *Wilma Swirbliss             |
| Adelia DiGregorio         | *Gerard Robert Tavernier     |
| *Gloria Marie Dube        | *Catherine Theodoss          |
| Donald Robert Ducheneau   | Gladys Ruth Thompson         |
| *Norman Alphonse Dumais   | *Marilyn Doreen Thompson     |
| Lorraine Welsh Eno        | *Theresa Jean Travinski      |
| Mildred George            | *Elaine Thelma Vangel        |
| Robert Adolphe Girouard   | Patricia Ann Welch           |
| Jeanne Antoinette Hebert  |                              |

### Civic-Social

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| *Bernard Rocke Beaupre    | †Gerald Vernon Farland |
| Ira Willard Brackett, Jr. | John Warren Fish       |
| Arthur Oscar Coderre      | Robert Kenneth Nelson  |
| Nicholas James Costa      | George Kosta Perikli   |
| Kenneth George Duquette   | *Sophie Catherine      |
|                           | Irene Swiatek          |

### Special Students

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| *Peter Metro                                     | Philip Colognesi |
| *General Average of 80% or above for four years. |                  |
| †Veterans of World War II.                       |                  |
| ‡Veterans having an average of 80% or above.     |                  |

The Commercial program was enlarged to include stenographic, bookkeeping, office practice and general business courses. The Commercial course is set up to incorporate the cooperative program with industry as soon as economic conditions permit.

The Inter-School program was dropped because of a lack of interest in the course.

The Guidance Department is functioning smoothly with a full-time Guidance Director and a Dean of Girls.

The Human Relations course endeavors to prepare high school freshmen for healthful growth in living and adjusting to others. Through a series of planned discussions and assignments, it fosters a sound understanding of personal and behavior problems, thus leading the student to a better insight into his own actions and into personality development generally.

The high school Home Economics Course is a home-making course of two years, including foods, nutrition and clothing work, family and social relations. This course is State aided and State supervised. Both teachers in the department take professional improvement courses each year at their own expense.

The department hopes to offer Home Economics as an elective for Junior and Senior girls one double period per week and to have the course a required subject for all Freshman girls one double period per week.

Repairs that have been needed for many years are now being made in the department.

Mrs. Laurent Jarry, Mrs. Herbert Kimball, and Mrs. Alton K. Marsters serve as an efficient and splendid advisory committee.

Two new courses have been added to the curriculum as required by State law; namely, Local Government and Massachusetts History.

The Mary E. Wells High School Band has continued to operate and performs at many special occasions both in and out of town. The band has been given material for new uniforms by the Ames Worsted Company.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set of janitors, and one

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faculty would take care of the education of young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper grades easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.

2. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
3. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
4. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.
5. That a course in Driver Education be set up under the supervision of the State Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Safety.
6. That a men's teachers' room be set up and proper furniture provided for the room.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal  
Mary E. Wells High School.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the annual report of the activities of the Guidance Department is hereby respectfully submitted.

An outline of the aims and objectives of the guidance program for the Southbridge Public Schools has been constructed. This outline presents a program in the light of its primary ob-

jectives, its specific educational aims, and its specific vocational aims. The purpose of this report is to describe the special functions of the guidance program in meeting these aims and objectives.

## COUNSELING

Two private cubicles have been constructed as Guidance Department facilities. One is used by the Dean of Girls and the other by the Director of Guidance for pupil and parent conferences and individual counseling. A record of each interview is kept and placed on file in the Guidance Office. The nature of this counseling is dependent on the individual variations in personalities and the types of problems considered. Many interviews are simple in nature and are concerned with employment registration, securing of information, and disclosure of personal data. Those problems revealing psychological deviation implications are referred to the school nurse and are treated as referral cases needing professional attention. However, the majority of the present counseling interviews are concerned with pupil failures, change of programs, and educational and vocational planning.

## PERMANENT RECORDS

A cumulative record folder is started for each child upon entry into the public schools. This record contains pertinent information concerning each individual student. It is an essential tool in establishing an effective counseling activity.

Scores achieved in the many and varied standardized tests elsewhere described in this report, are entered in the cumulative record folder. Pupil progress in the class room, referral testing results, special recommendations, and attendance are also recorded.

As a supplement to the cumulative record, a specific guidance type record is being developed for each individual. This record is kept in the files of the Guidance Department. It contains a pupil study plan for use in the High School, a series of interest forms, a post-high school plans sheet for seniors, interview records, and specific information related to mental ability, interest, aptitude, and achievement.

## TESTING PROGRAM

A comprehensive testing program has been organized coordinating the activities in the lower grades with those of the Mary E. Wells High School and Cole Trade High School. The testing program is also set up to provide for individual testing and diagnosis.

An inventory of tests and test materials on hand has been completed and an estimate of the needs for carrying out the testing activity for the present year has been submitted to the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The types of tests used in the Public Schools testing program may be described as:

**1. Mental Abilities or Scholastic Aptitude Tests**

This type of test gives a fair estimate of the inherent limits of ability of the pupil in terms of scholastic or academic aptitude.

**2. Achievement Tests**

Tests of achievement constitute another part of the testing program. These tests may be separated into subject achievement tests and achievement batteries. The former are designed to measure the individual's achievement in a particular subject matter course and to compare this performance with that of an unselected national group. Achievement tests of specific subject matter will be administered to high school students in the spring. Tests composed of batteries of subject matter sub-tests are used as partial criteria in establishing grade placement in the elementary schools.

**3. Aptitude Tests**

Tests of aptitude are administered as group tests in the spring to eighth grade pupils. They are also administered to many transfer students entering our school system.

**4. Interest and Preference Inventories**

Scores on tests of interest and preference serve as useful counseling tools and have a definite place in the guidance program. These tests are administered, individually and in groups, to our children.

**5. Educational Development**

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development may be described as a service subscribed for directly through the office of the Superintendent of Schools. They are a battery of nine objective tests designed to provide a comprehensive and dependable description of the general educational development of the individual high school pupil.

These tests were administered by high school teachers and guidance department personnel to the entire freshman class and those sophomore students who weren't tested the previous

year. The pupils have been given their scores on the tests and have been counseled in their meaning. They have constructed meaningful profiles based on individual scores and class and national norms.

Compared to national norms for most tests of achievement, Southbridge students rank high. However, there is sufficient evidence found in list reports of reading scores to cause this office to recognize a need for an elective course in basic reading in the ninth grade. Many of our high school students who are preparing for college, and others, are in need of remedial instruction in reading.

Tests measuring mental maturity were administered to all pupils in Grades 1, 4, 7, and 9 this fall. Also those pupils in Grade 12 who had not been recently tested were included in this area.

## EMPLOYMENT

Members of the Guidance Department Staff and principals of the High Schools have established personal contacts and friendly relations with employers, prospective employers, and community personnel and are making an earnest effort in attempting to fill needs of the employers.

Student and graduate student need has also been considered. A part-time and a full-time employment file has been set up. A survey of the school population has provided information as to availability of personnel and personnel preference, experience, and special abilities.

A cooperative work program between the school and local industry, set up during the past national emergency, is being reorganized and could be reactivated on short notice.

A recent survey of the employment status of boys and girls in the Mary E. Wells High School is presented below.

### EMPLOYMENT STATUS (part time)

#### Mary E. Wells High School

Class	Employed	Unemployed	Unempl., but Desiring Empl.
Seniors:			
Boys	18	17	11
Girls	31	25	16
Total	49	42	27

Class	Employed	Unemployed	Unempl., but Desiring Empl.
Juniors:			
Boys	23	14	7
Girls	25	43	25
Total	<hr/> 48	<hr/> 57	<hr/> 32

Sophomores:

Boys	22	34	19
Girls	10	60	45
Total	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 94	<hr/> 64

Freshmen:

Boys	11	49	34
Girls	13	70	43
Total	<hr/> 24	<hr/> 119	<hr/> 77

Fifty students were excused from school during the Christmas rush season to help out in sales work. This situation is not reflected in the preceding study. However, a significant increase in the number of pupils employed for this activity over the 1949 season was noted.

## RESEARCH

### Report on Follow-Up Study of Graduates of the Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1949

As a result of responses on a questionnaire mailed to each 1949 graduate of the Mary E. Wells High School, and other subsequent investigations, the Guidance Department hereby reports a follow-up study of 118 graduates.

A general breakdown of the distribution of graduates follows:

Employed .....	56	47.4%
Further Education .....	50	42.3
Armed Services .....	10	8.5
At Home .....	2	1.8
Total No. of Graduates .....	<hr/> 118	<hr/> 100.0%

Data for this study was obtained in the spring of 1950, and from the tabulation of returns the following record was made:

## A Follow-Up Study — Class of 1949

Further Education (Full Time)	Total	Per Cent	No. Boys	No. Girls
Colleges and Universities	26	22.0	12	14
Nursing Schools .....	10	8.4	0	10
Business Schools .....	5	4.2	1	4
Junior Colleges .....	4	3.6	4	0
Post Graduates .....	2	1.8	2	0
Trade Schools .....	1	.9	1	0
Airline Hostess School ....	1	.9	0	1
Totals .....	49	41.8	20	29

Employed (Full Time)	Total	Per Cent	No. Boys	No. Girls
	56	47.4	28	28

Armed Services	Total	Per Cent	No. Boys	No. Girls
U. S. Air Force .....	4	3.6	4	0
U. S. Army .....	3	2.5	3	0
U. S. Navy .....	3	2.5	3	0
Total .....	10	8.6	10	0
At Home .....	2	1.8	0	2

Supplementary: Number of students who are entering institutions of higher learning in September, 1950, for the first time: 3      2.5      2      1

A follow-up study of all graduates and non-graduates of the Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1950, is under way at the present writing. Also, a similar type study is being made by guidance personnel and the administrative staff at the Cole Trade High School. That study will include 409 former students of the trade high school in attendance during the past five years.

## INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

A library of Occupational Information in the form of books, digests, and occupational briefs, has been set up. The present Occupations file is being revised, brought up to date, and indexed. "Career" book shelves are maintained and provide students with the means of obtaining information related to specific careers.

College catalogues and information bulletins are arranged on shelves for student use. A large and up-to-date selection of

these booklets is maintained so that information on nearly all schools in the country is made easily available. Incoming catalogues are placed under one of the following headings:

Liberal Arts Colleges

Technical Colleges

Teachers Colleges

Schools of Nursing

Business Schools

Junior Colleges

#### Miscellaneous

In addition to the above services the department has made arrangements to provide a series of informational talks, movies, and field trips.

### STAFF ASSISTANCE

A guidance function is basically cooperative in nature. It is a service of administration and relies heavily on the cooperation of all personnel in the school system.

The Guidance Department wishes, at this time, to express its appreciation to all who have helped in its development and administration.

Respectfully submitted,

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, Director,

Guidance and Placement.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The school year of 1950 marks my first complete year in office at the Cole Trade High School. The year was marked with many changes and all for the best, we hope. I will reverse the usual procedure in writing annual reports by thanking all of those who made these changes possible; namely, The School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Faculty, the girls in the office and our custodian.

The Cole Trade High School courses were re-evaluated on the basis of national practices and today our diploma is granted on these national standards. The program has been geared to the needs, aptitudes, and abilities of the pupils. The program has also considered the needs of the community in terms of employment possibilities.

The latter needs were determined by an industrial survey made by the faculty of the Cole Trade High School. This survey brought out many important facts; for example, within a radius

of five miles there are approximately three hundred and fifty Toolmakers, Diemakers, and the like employed; and, with a normal turn-over, this school should be graduating approximately ten young men in these skills per year. History shows that we have graduated and are graduating less than one half of these numbers. This means that industry must employ **outsiders** to fill these vacancies. The unfortunate part is that in Southbridge there are many young men who should be preparing themselves to take over these positions which are going to people from other sections. We have facilities to train enough boys in this particular field.

Unfortunately other departments are not in the same position as the very recent survey has shown. The town will be faced with the prospect of making additions to the trade school shortly, if we are to get most of the jobs which are available today. This addition should be made with due consideration for the girls in Southbridge who would profit by trade education. The addition can be accomplished with Federal and State aid if it is done before 1953, which year will mark the end of present legislation for building aid to local communities.

Our survey also brought out the need of more training in the Carpentry division. There is a shortage of trained carpenters. We at the Cole Trade High School can do very little about meeting this situation with the present facilities. The following plan is suggested: The local tradesmen permit us to build one complete house every year. In this manner we could give the boys practical training in rough and finished carpentry, sheet metal training in duct work, house wiring, painting and decorating. Our Cabinet department would also get additional training in making counters, kitchen cabinets, corner cabinets and book shelves. It is understood that the future owner would assume all costs. The school would merely provide the labor.

We are happy to report that our Library, which was started last year, is showing marked growth, and we hope that within a few years the Library will be adequate to meet the needs of the school.

We are also happy to report that ninety per cent of our graduates are employed in the trade that they were trained for. The remaining ten per cent are either in the service or employed at a non-related occupation.

The Trade School Alumni Association presented a cup to Roland E. Fontaine as the outstanding student in the Senior Class and to Steven R. Waskiewicz as the outstanding athlete. These were presented by Mr. Edgar Tremblay, President of the Association.

The Director's Gold C for four years' highest average was awarded to Roland E. Fontaine.

American Legion Post No. 31 presented awards for the best school citizens to Charles F. Colwell, Jr., and Roland E. Leduc. These were presented by Mr. Arthur J. Eno, Commander, and Mr. Lectance J. Landry, Senior Vice-Commander.

The Student Council Award was given to Robert J. Shaw, President of the Student Council.

The Athletic Association presented awards to the following members of the Senior Class:

Steven R. Waskiewicz, Baseball and Basketball.

Roger G. Renaud, Baseball.

Roland E. Leduc, Basketball.

James D. Yates, Basketball.

Rudolph A. St. Martin, Jr., Basketball.

The Library now has a set of books donated by the Class of 1950.

Our membership between December 31, 1949 and December 31, 1950 was 278 students in Day School and 58 in the Co-operative School, a total of 336 students.

## **GRADUATES**

### **Trade High Diplomas**

#### **Electricians**

John Paul Bernardone	Roger Charles Rheault
Leon Joseph Leduc	Rudolph Alexander St. Martin, Jr.
Roger Gerard Renaud	Robert John Shaw

#### **Factory Maintenance**

George Raymond Bruso

#### **Draftsmen**

Roy Robert Budrow	Apostol Martiros
Charles Frederick Colwell, Jr.	Ernest Patten Scott
Roland Ernest Fontaine	James David Yates

#### **Machinists**

Samuel Earl Alger	Donald James Curboy
Stanley Roger Bachand	Arthur Richard Tucker

#### **Patternmakers**

Roland Roger Tremblay

#### **Metal Smiths**

Roland Edward Leduc	Steven Ralph Waskiewicz
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#### **Printing**

Bernard Philip Rutan

## CLASS OFFICERS

Bernard P. Rutan .....	President
Roger G. Renaud .....	Vice-President
James D. Yates .....	Secretary
Charles F. Colwell .....	Treasurer

## EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAM

		No.Enrolled
Woodworking .....	Frank P. Skinyon .....	16
Drafting .....	George H. Braman .....	16
Electrical .....	Rosaire Pariseau .....	12
Machine .....	Nels H. Johnson .....	18
Plumbing .....	Joseph Chagnon .....	11
Auto Mechanics .....	Anthony Capozzo .....	12
Furniture Refinishing .....	Harold Andrews .....	14
Related Carpentry and Steel Square .....	William A. Julien and Wiliam C. Nickerson .....	13

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, Director,  
Cole Trade High School.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the following report of my work which covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 1950.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our present Physical Education program involves over 400 pupils participating in regular Physical Education classes. All 7th and 8th grade students in our elementary schools, the entire student body of our Trade School, and the special classes average one hour weekly of Physical Education activities. Calisthenics, Formal Activities, Games and Relays, Stunts, and Recreational Sports make up our Physical Education program. The curriculum is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of the students. All activities are supervised and in many cases modified to meet the abilities and age levels of the students. Special attention has been placed on the program which is offered for the special classes.

All students participating in this program have been examined by the School Physician and the School Nurse. The

suggestions and recommendations of the School Health Services Department are being carried out.

## AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

A general program of athletics and intramural sports has been organized for the elementary and special schools. Two leagues have been organized for the athletic program. One is designated as the Junior Trade League and is composed of pupils at River Street School, in the manual arts class at the high school building, and in Section A, and another in Section B of the general vocational classes at the high school. The other is designated as the Junior High League and is composed of three departmental grades of the four elementary schools. Boys play touch football, basketball, and baseball. A woman or man teacher of each school supervises the girls' league basketball and softball practice and games. In most of the schools the supervisors devote considerable time to the work. A great deal of enthusiasm has been aroused in the elementary schools for the contests between schools.

Intramural sports are organized for boys and girls of grades 4 to 7 who do not participate in the league sports. Boys play basketball and softball; girls play dodgeball. These sports, also, are supervised. Data on numbers of pupils of the four elementary schools, participating, were as follows:

	Marcy Street	Ch'lton Street	Eastford Road	West Street
Boys Intramural Sports .....	28	68	49	14
Girls Intramural Sports .....	17	71	55	20
Football .....	16	16	18	16
Basketball .....	15	15	98	38
Baseball .....	25	15	72	32

In the Junior Trade League over 70 students participated in touch football, basketball, and softball.

Some of the students in the numbers stated above are, of course, duplicates, because a pupil in football is likely to be interested, also, in basketball or baseball.

The results of the after-school athletic program are listed below:

### Elementary Leagues

Boys (final standings)				Girls (final standings)			
Touch Football				Basketball			
Name	Won	Lost	Tied	Name	Won	Lost	Tied
Charlton	5	1		Eastford	8	1	
West	3	2	1	West	7	2	
Eastford	2	3	1	Charlton	6	3	
Marcy	0	4	2	Marcy	0	9	

Basketball		
Charlton	8	1
Eastford	7	2
West	3	6
Marcy	0	9

Softball		
Charlton	6	0
Eastford	3	3
West	3	3
Marcy	0	6

Baseball		
Charlton	6	0
Eastford	4	2
West	2	4
Marcy	0	6

River Street Girls participated in the above girls sports on an informal basis.

### Junior Trade League

Football		
Section A	4	2
Section B	3	3
Manual T	3	3
River St.	2	4

Softball		
Section B	6	0
Section A	4	2
River St.	2	4
Manual T.	0	6

Basketball		
Section B	6	0
Section A	4	2
River St.	2	4
Manual T.	0	6

Section B of the General Vocational Department won the Junior Trade Sportsmanship Cup. This cup was presented by the Director of the Trade School to the captains.

All the students participating in the above leagues were properly supervised by coaches. All teams in the Elementary League were properly clothed and examined before they were allowed to participate.

The Director of Physical Education has prepared an Athletic Manual for the above leagues for the guidance of pupils, teachers, and principals. This is useful in setting and maintaining standards for the program. Practice and games are held on the playgrounds of the several schools.

In conclusion I wish to thank the principals, the School Health Services, and the School Department for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing the Physical Education, and the After-School Athletic Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director,  
Physical Education.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In this present world of turmoil and unrest I would like to say a few words on "better health for school-age children"—a challenge to medicine, education, and the people of our Town.

Medicine and Education have always had much in common—but in recent years they have come closer together in the fundamental concepts which underlie their approach to the specialized problems with which each deals.

Both, obviously, serve people. Both influence the behavior and attitudes of people, adults, as well as children—my chief concern and interest. Both are concerned with the growth and development of well and sick human beings. Both are motivated by a desire to contribute to happy and vigorous living.

Today's doctor and educator, thanks to their own better understanding of the way human beings grow in physical and mental health, and thanks to the contributions that science is making to everybody's thinking, are aware that they must deal with the whole body and person of a child, not just with a part of his anatomy or a fraction of his life or education.

Education has come a long, long distance from the days when it measured its success by the number of facts it had crammed into a child's head. It is recognizing that its real job is to prepare a child for living in a constantly changing world—a world in which the magic of science and the gadgets of living not only fascinate us but threaten our very lives. Teachers know now that a child's attitude toward himself and his neighbors, his capacity to meet new conditions and new relations, are much more important than knowing what happened in the year 1020—more important in terms of his own living and in the lives of those around him.

Similarly, psychosomatic medicine has made some doctors more aware that a child's health is not necessarily just a problem of absence of germs or viruses. What happens to a child in school may produce an illness every bit as serious as an illness of definitely physical origin. We know, too, that a well child is not just a child who has no visible handicaps, or unidentifiable aches or pains—one reason why I feel statistics on physical defects can be eliminated from this report for one year.

What both doctors and teachers are after is to help in rearing a new generation of boys and girls who are buoyantly healthy in body and spirits; whose creativeness and sense of social responsibility are given the greatest opportunity for expression; who have an unshakable conviction of their own

worth and the worth of other people—our future leaders, no less.

This is the kind of positive health I mean and now all teachers and medical workers are after it. This is the quality of people who, we are convinced, can build a truly democratic society. And that is the kind of society we are intent on cultivating now, the kind we believe in. If you will recall, in my 1949 report, our department was already thinking in terms of "health" rather than in terms of "sickness"—of "prevention" rather than "cure"—the positive approach which, incidentally, in 1949 was the new trend in the school health services, as accepted by the Massachusetts Public Health Department.

What are some of the facts that face us as we plan for the future health of our school-age children? Let us quickly go over them. The first fact is that the health problems of our children are not what they used to be. School medical services in this country started about in 1894 in Boston and I believe in 1897 in New York. The chief reason for starting these services appears to have been the fear, and, to be sure, the actuality of contagious diseases. In the beginning medical service in schools was almost limited to detection and the barring from school of children who showed signs of a contagious infection.

Years passed and, as new techniques developed, the need for the above routine almost disappeared. For example, let us take diphtheria. This disease, dreaded a half a century ago, has been practically conquered—not only by the device of examining school children, but chiefly by immunizing children in infancy. Hence, this is the reason for our yearly sponsorship of diphtheria and booster-shot clinics. In 1900 the death rate from diphtheria was about 40 per 100,000 population. Now it is less than 1 per 100,000—a tremendous reduction.

Present-day interest in making our school medical services more effective for our children arises not merely from the fact that we have about conquered the contagious diseases, but we now realize that many, many other conditions handicapping children need attention, and that some of them are not detectable by the routine physical examination in our schools.

Recently, I read that the Children's Bureau estimates that among people under 21 years of age in the United States, some 175,000 have cerebral palsy (with no noticeable defect) and 200,000 have epilepsy—neither condition as far as it is known, being contagious—but conditions very often not detected and even ignored by routine physical examination. This is one reason why we urge a complete report on each child entering school from the child's own family physician who has usually

been in contact with him since birth, thus giving us information which might go unrecognized by us and which might be vitally important in case of accident at school, etc. Let us surmise that a child is a known epileptic to his family and friends but not to the school authorities. He may have a mild attack at school which, unless one is well versed in taking care of sick people, might look almost as if the child had had a fainting spell. And on recurring mild seizures, the child may suffer injuries which could easily have been prevented if the school authorities had been made aware of the child's defect by the parents.

To go back to the alarming number of cases, as stated above, these children not only need the best that medicine and education have to give, but in the vast majority of cases, can really profit from that best. A half million children have handicaps requiring orthopedic or plastic treatment and possibly another quarter million, if not more, need Child Guidance help. Some of these are receiving good care, either privately or under the auspices of the State Crippled Children's Clinics, which since 1935 we have recognized as most deserving of the support of the Federal Government as well as of State and local governments. But despite the devoted service given to children by State crippled children's agencies, they are being forced every year to turn down thousands of children whose crippling condition could be improved, if not completely corrected, simply because there is not enough money. At present Southbridge has over 50 children attending the State Crippled Children's Clinic in Worcester which has as its specialist none other than Dr. J. O'Meara, one of the best orthopedic men in this area. But this clinic, like all other clinics, is getting quite congested and lately our referrals have had to wait a few months before admission. One of these children might even be your own child—so why not if need be remember that a few pennies more or less as far as the tax rate is concerned will not inconvenience you too, too much and that those few pennies may mean the difference in the life of a child. One must always remember that today it is a neighbor's child; tomorrow it may be your own little Jimmy who is in need of help.

In the beginning of 1945 the States reported that they knew of 30,000 crippled children who would have to go without the medical or hospital care they needed unless additional funds were forthcoming.

In my report to the State, listing our physically handicapped children as per the 1949 school census, 170 were reported, 32 new cases and 138 already reported as per law. Some of these are under private care, some are receiving care provided by the State, and some are without care at all. And

the above are our very own children of Southbridge—our future leaders.

Two major difficulties still need special emphasis: (1) Accidents are the leading cause of death for children over one year of age. Some excellent work on accident prevention is going ahead, but we still do not know why it is that some children seem so much more prone to accident than other children. Could it be that it is a deep psychological problem in the child? We need to explore. (2) Among all diseases, rheumatic fever is the leading cause of death in children of school age. Right now at least a half million children have this disease or have had it. Just now some thrilling developments in the treatment of rheumatic fever by Cortisone or ACTH are going on, but we still know much too little of the underlying cause of the disease to prevent it.

Research in the whole field of child growth and development is moving ahead, but slowly. Two years ago the Federal Government spent, with Congressional approval, \$625,000,000 for research alone, and only a few thousands of this money was spent on problems of child health. Yet our children are the next in line to run our Government.

There is a definite relation between our school health program and the whole community health picture. Every doctor and teacher dealing with a 6-year-old who is in trouble knows well how often the roots of the trouble go back into that child's pre-school years. So very often I wish I could have been in on the trouble at the beginning to help both the child and his parents. There is something really heart-breaking to see this troubled child not knowing just what it's all about, yet realizing that he just isn't like the other kids. We are not really going to build better health in school-age children if the services we provide them are developed in isolation from, or in competition with, our health program as a rule. It is high time we face up to this and do something about it.

Another thing we are not doing too well and surely not as well as we should. We are not helping parents with the rearing of children. Probably never before were parents so eager for guidance and assurance in their job as they are today. While I can point many excellent demonstrations of close teamwork between doctors, teachers, and parents, we need to multiply these many times and to spread them far and wide—all over Southbridge. No one can dispute that the better understanding of infant care has contributed greatly to reducing infant mortality in this country, from 10 deaths per 100 live births in 1915 to 3 per 100 live births last year. Parents' education was not, of course, the only factor in bringing about this great improve-

ment, but it certainly was one big factor. We need more than parent education, of course. We need to make them full-fledged partners in the development of our health services for school-age children. How we should go about it deserves yours as well as everyone's thinking.

I have delved into many specific problems, and now I am challenging you all with them. If we are all sincere about facing the health needs of school children, here, indeed, is common ground on which doctors, teachers, parents, and citizens can and must meet. The health of your future leaders demand it. Now is the time to forget our differences and to join our forces.

Our future leaders' health and strength are much like stands of tall timber. We cannot take from them more than we plant without imperiling our survival. We must summon all our talents, all of our wisdom in education and in medicine to build sturdy mental and physical health for all of our children.

As I look back, I feel that we have come a long, long way in the last five years along a healthy path but, unless we continue going forward and improving, we could very soon be like "the little lambs who have lost their way."

Yearly "thank yous" are usually in order now but I feel that anyone who has either directly or indirectly rendered help in any way—financially or otherwise—knows that I am most grateful to him and do extend a sincere "thanks for everything." And may I, before signing off, extend my sincerest thanks to our new superintendent of schools, Mr. R. H. McCarn, for his unexhaustible patience in listening, trying to understand, and acting upon some of the problems I have had to take to him from time to time. Some may have seemed rather small and trivial and possibly not as important as some of his many other problems but never has the problem seemed too small to him that there was no time available for Mr. McCarn to sit, and make me feel that I was not taking up some of his precious time for unnecessary matters. And that is just one minute example.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT,

School Nurse.

## REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your instructions, I herewith submit my second annual report for your consideration and approval.

In fulfilling the duties of attendance officer my main consideration has been to interpret the State and Federal laws pertaining to school attendance to parents and children, and point out their duties and responsibilities under the laws. It is also important to make an investigation and to look for underlying causes. In many of my investigations, the facts surrounding absences reported to me were quite similar. However, whether it be unwholesome physical surroundings, a wrong attitude, irresponsibility on the part of parents, or any other cause, corrective measures were proposed whenever possible.

A vast portion of the time of the Attendance Officer was devoted to conducting the school census. It may be said that he spent some time daily, from October 1, 1950 to December 1950, on the census and it is expected that this work will continue to the middle of February, 1951.

A further duty of the Attendance Officer is to measure distances between homes of school pupils and their respective schools to see if they qualify for bus passes.

In addition to the above general outline, the following details specifically with his detailed work:

1. Investigate cases referred to him by the school principals.
2. Submit a written report to the Superintendent on each home visit, and a telephone report to the principal.
3. Make any follow-up investigations needed.
4. Administer the Cole Fund.
5. Bring to court confirmed truants.
6. Bring to court irresponsible parents.
7. Conduct the annual school census.

Attendance problems are usually identified with one or more of the following:

1. Poor home environment.
2. Irresponsibility of parents.
3. Poor mental attitude.
4. Dislike of school.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL A. DUHART,  
Attendance Officer.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VISUAL AIDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

At your request, I am submitting the annual report on the activities of the Audio-Visual Aids Department for 1950.

## REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of the entire Audio-Visual Aids Department, started in late 1949, was well under way by 1950. Information on sources of equipment and materials was continually added to the files and is now of invaluable aid in the selection of materials for purchase; most of the latest catalogs of films, filmstrips, lantern slides, charts, flat pictures, maps, globes, models, objects and specimens, are now available to the teacher who is interested in becoming acquainted with progressive tools of modern education; several new textbooks, owned by the director, and two of the most widely recognized periodicals in the field were added to the professional literature available to the teacher.

No department can operate efficiently without some form of systematization. Another phase in the total reorganization of the Department, therefore, was the preparation of a series of forms that would meet our needs. Accordingly, the following forms were prepared: "Film Travel Card," "Memorandum to the Teacher," "Instructor's Report Form," "Daily Film Schedule Form," "High School Weekly Film Schedule Form," "Order Blank," and "Lubrication Record Chart."

The foregoing factors of organization together with the area especially provided for teachers to preview projected pictures such as films, filmstrips and lantern slides have established the Audio-Visual Aids Department as a truly functional unit in the total education of our pupils.

## TEACHER COMMITTEES

In order to correlate the elementary film program with the curriculum, Audio-Visual Aids Committees made up of teachers of different grade levels were formed in September of 1950. The committees formed are the following: Primary (Grades 1-2-3), Intermediate (Grades 4-5), Departmental Science (Grades 6-7-8), Departmental Social Studies (Grades 6-7-8), and Departmental English (Grades 6-7-8). This is a real step forward in establishing sound audio-visual instruction.

In addition to film selection, Audio-Visual Aids Committees will review and advise on audio-visual materials before purchases are made. Since teachers know perhaps better than any-

one else what the educational needs of the pupils are, the director feels that the teachers, therefore, should play a major role in the selection of audio-visual materials. It is encouraging to observe the interest teachers show in this approach which is perhaps the best single insurance for a successful audio-visual aids program.

## STUDENT PROJECTIONISTS

Student projectionists or operators of audio-visual equipment were trained by the director under a program of instruction initiated in early 1950. These students set up and operate the equipment used by teachers and thus relieve the teachers of many projection details which might serve to discourage the use of such valuable equipment.

## TEACHER INFORMATION

A comprehensive bulletin, "The Audio-Visual Aids Program," prepared by the director, was issued to each teacher in the school system. This bulletin answers the following questions for the teachers: "What is meant by Audio-Visual Aids?"; "Why use Audio-Visual Aids?"; "What are the Audio-Visual Aids?"; "Where is the Audio-Visual Aids Department Located?"; "What is the Personnel of the Audio-Visual Aids Department?"; "What are the responsibilities of the Building Coordinator?"; "What are the services rendered by the Audio-Visual Aids Department?"; "How does the Department determine the desirable Aids to be purchased or rented?"; "How long are distributed materials allowed out?"; "How does the teacher order materials?"; "What are some of the future plans?"; and "What are the chances of future plans ever being realized?"

Film schedules were distributed to each school and posted on bulletin boards so that teachers might know well in advance the films coming to their building.

A catalog of "Lantern Slides with Title Lists" was distributed to each teacher. This catalog, listing slides now in the Department, is especially useful for the elementary teacher. The units are arranged by subject matter areas and the title of each slide in each unit is listed in order to help the teacher become better acquainted with the entire unit before ordering.

Several bulletins describing the basic patterns for using audio-visual aids were further distributed to teachers.

For the convenience of teachers in filing the foregoing and ensuing information, the Department provided each teacher with a specially prepared folder called "Audio-Visual Information."

Since the budget was inadequate to permit the purchase of other teaching tools such as filmstrips and transcriptions, the film became the audio-visual tool receiving perhaps the most emphasis in audio-visual instruction during 1950. A total of one hundred and five education films were shown during the year. These films were used in the following four separate programs: Elementary, High School, Health, and Guidance. The Elementary and High School programs were planned by teachers and teacher committees working with the director while the Health and Guidance programs were planned by directors of the respective departments working with the audio-visual aids director.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

During the year, the services of the Department were extended to many organizations of the community. Equipment and operators were loaned to the following: St. Mary's, Sacred Heart and Notre Dame schools; League of the Sacred Heart; Girl Scouts; Red Cross; Chamber of Commerce; Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street and Marcy Street P. T. A.'s; Fire Department; Ames Worsted Co.; Exchange Club; Semi-Circle Athletic Club, and the American Legion and Lions Club. Whenever the demands did not interfere with regular school schedules, the director was glad to cooperate with these organizations in fulfilling their demands.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to increase the effectiveness of audio-visual instruction in the Southbridge Public Schools, the director recommends:

1. That a set of portable dark shades be purchased for each school in the system.
2. That a course in audio-visual instruction, with promotional credits, be offered to teachers.
3. That a three-speed play-back machine be purchased immediately.
4. That the per pupil minimum expenditure for audio-visual instruction in Southbridge Public Schools be at least one dollar.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all administrators and teachers who have cooperated so faithfully with the director in establishing the beginnings of a sound program of audio-visual instruction in Southbridge. Recognition is especially due Mrs. Wanerka and her classes in

machine practice for the excellent typing and mimeographing of the numerous forms, bulletins, and catalogs prepared by the Department. It is indeed a pleasure to work with men and women who are so deeply interested in the progressive tools of modern education.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. DESROCHES, Director,  
Audio-Visual Instruction.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I am submitting my third annual report on music in the Southbridge Public Schools.

### **MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Purchases and Programs**

The Choristers, the mixed glee club of the high school, started the year 1949-1950 by purchasing "risers" with proceeds from their November operetta. These are elevations upon which they stand whenever they give a program. Months of rehearsing could not have improved the singing or the appearance of the club more than these stands.

The first opportunity to use these stands was at a meeting, early in March, of the Y. M. C. A. Women's Auxiliary. Material for ten new robes was also purchased and Mrs. E. Laakso very graciously offered to make them up for the club.

The Choristers, for the second year, gave a well-received Pops Concert in May for the Universalist Church, and they sang again on their stands at the Music Festival in Milford, at Commencement, and at a big school assembly early in October.

#### **Music Appreciation**

The music appreciation class is enjoying a new Webster-Chicago victrola and the addition to their music library of new records of 33 and 45 r.p.m. The Mary E. Wells High School has been host this fall, and will continue to hold the honor until the end of February, to a class of teachers taking a Harvard University Extension Course in Music Appreciation and the teaching of Music Appreciation. This course is being conducted by Miss Helen Leavitt, author and lecturer. The teachers taking this course are from Southbridge elementary schools and from schools of neighboring towns. They are grateful to Mr. McCarn for bringing this course to them.

## **Operetta**

Since October 1, a double cast, chosen from the Choristers, has been preparing for a performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *The Mikado*, scheduled to go on the stage of the Strand Theatre January 13 and 16. The purpose is primarily to raise money for band uniforms, and the production is proving to be a real community project. Tradesmen, teachers, and friends far and near, are lending their time, their talents, their precious possessions, and their store windows, in a united effort to make the night of January 16, 1951, an artistic and a social as well as a financial success.

## **Worcester County Music Festival**

A real thrill was given to the eight Choristers who, after months of Worcester rehearsals, sang in the Worcester County Chorus of High School Students on the Philadelphia Symphony's Young People's annual program in November. The Chorus repeated its part of the program for the Teachers' Convention. It is a rare privilege, even for an adult, to watch a great orchestra like the Philadelphia Symphony in rehearsal, and even more so to sing with them.

## **COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL**

A new glee club was organized in October at the Cole Trade High School under the direction of Mr. Daniel Hobart of Charlton Street School. The boys are enjoying their meetings thoroughly.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Last Spring, when the West Street gymnasium was free from its athletic commitments, a program of exchange music was very much enjoyed by West Street and Marcy Street Schools. West Street repeated its Easter program for its Marcy Street guests in the balcony. The latter afterward sang for their hosts and hostesses as many songs as time allowed.

The musical highlights at Charlton Street School were their Dutch Boy Operetta in the Spring and their annual Christmas pageant. The a capella group of Eastford Road School gave programs that were much enjoyed at the Congregational Woman's Club, at the Masonic Home in Charlton, and at Christmas, in their own gymnasium.

As usual, and perhaps this year more than usual, the elementary school children supported the Young People's Concert held the Saturday morning of the Worcester County Music Festival week, and every year the Community Concert Association enrolls more elementary and high school members.

## Leisure Time Activities

More students than ever, approximately 110, tried out for Glee Club in the high school in September. It was necessary, because of schedule conflicts, to assign the hour of three o'clock to one of the three glee clubs organized. This time proved unpopular, not only since it was the only glee club meeting out of school time, but also for such reasons as part-time jobs, bus schedules and distance from home. It is hoped that the scheduling of extra-curricular activities may be simplified in the one-session school day. While afternoon jobs do undoubtedly encourage thrift and enterprise, one wonders if school days **should** so soon be invaded. "Golden Rule Days" are short enough, and there is real danger if student hobbies, their extra skills and talents, too, are to be sacrificed to the almighty dollar. This is a problem which should give educators and parents real concern in an age when science, with her time-saving, labor-saving devices, is increasing man's time more and more for leisure.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELEANOR S. VAN ETTEN,  
Director of Music.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Instrumental music instruction in the public schools of Southbridge has reached a new high with the placing of the director on a full-time basis beginning with this school year. This has enabled the director to handle a larger number of pupils and to give more technical instruction to the music students by forming smaller groups and helping individuals overcome problems encountered in their band work.

New and larger permanent quarters have been acquired in the high school building giving the department a more substantial foundation.

Suitable cloth has been graciously donated by the Ames Worsted Company, and projects are under way to raise money for the tailoring of the material into band uniforms which are very much needed.

A total of eighty-five students are at present enrolled in the instrumental music program from Grades five through high school, including Cole Trade High School students.

This past year saw the formation of a forty-piece junior band which made its first parade appearance in the annual Memorial Day parade. During the month of May this unit appeared in a concert before the entire student body of each grammar school and a high school assembly.

In September a "Football Stadium Band," combining the advanced players from the junior band with the senior band, numbering forty-eight players, was presented to the fans at the "home" football games.

The month of October saw a new beginners' group formed with students enrolling from the fifth grade through the freshman year. With a year's fundamental training they will be absorbed into one of the advanced units according to their ages and abilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL J. SWEET, Director,  
Band and Orchestra.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year many changes have taken place that have somewhat altered the set-up in the Adult Civic Education Division of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Heretofore, those of us engaged in Education thought and acted mainly with our students in mind. A fuller life and a greater appreciation of the best of every country and nation was our goal. Today, we continue to do this but we go even further in taking care of the well-being of the student.

These are the reasons for the change and the things that have brought it about: Our students in the English classes are mostly between the ages of fifteen and forty. Their lives have been in every way affected by the last war. They have not had a permanent home. National pride is not so strong in them. Their education has been meager; the ways of their parents have not been instilled into them. All this occurred because parents were forced into make-shift shelters and living from day to day. A normal life being impossible, they could not greatly influence their sons and daughters.

These same, being our students, are most anxious and eager to adopt our way of life and our language because, for the first time, they have a permanent home and can really begin to live. Thus, they expect to learn a new way of life, and how to adjust

to a Community. They wish to follow our manners, standards, and customs. They look to the schools for this help. They feel that they will be given what is necessary in the schools.

Naturally, this also places a grave responsibility on the Community. For these new arrivals are like children in their eagerness and like them, learn from what they see. Later, as they mature in understanding our manenrs, these future citizens will be more able to form their own opinions and achieve a greater understanding of America. A few who thought that some day they might return to their Native Country have lost incentive to do so, and are relieved that the decision is made to become a citizen of their adopted country.

Local factories have been of great help in cooperating with the Adult Education division of the School Department. Whenever we sought work for some New-Arrival we would be told "teach them enough English to comprehend directions and to make themselves understood, and we'll employ them." In every case this was done. Needless to say, it made the School Department proud to prove and explain such a Community to these students who had lived through an entirely different kind of experience.

Thus the function and scope of the School has changed and become enlarged. Those who wish to obtain their citizenship papers are naturally much interested in the course in United States History and Government. Whatever the need, the Evening School tries to meet it.

The Adult Education Division of the School Department functions the year round in giving help and endeavors to fulfill the needs of the Community to its greatest capacity. This we shall continue to do to the extent of our powers.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, Director,  
Adult Education.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit my annual report covering the activities of the playgrounds for the year 1950. The season ran from July 10 through August 18, a period of six weeks.

Activities were conducted at the following schools: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, River Street, and West Street. Spe-

cial events were held at Dresser Street Recreational Field and at the Town Pool.

## PERSONNEL

### General

Director: Lewis A. Kyrios.

### Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Miss Marie Serleto.

Assistant Supervisors: Miss Helen Boucher,  
Mr. George Perikli.

Junior Assistants: Miss Betty Duhamel,  
Mr. John Allabashi.

### West Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard.

Assistant Supervisor: Mr. Philias Caron, Jr.

Junior Assistants: Miss Mary Moriarty,  
Mr. Thomas Michaels.

### Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: Miss Persis Howe.

Assistant Supervisor: Mr. Roger Hebert.

Junior Assistants: Miss Caroline Allard,  
Mr. Harold Peterson

### River Street Playground

Supervisor: Miss Liberty Themistocles.

Assistant Supervisor: Mr. Fred Noga.

Junior Assistants: Miss Betty Lou Hart,  
Mr. Wilfred Materas.

## ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Total Enrollment .....	1,305
Average Daily Attendance .....	585
Average Percentage of Attendance .....	40
Largest Daily Attendance .....	748

## MEETINGS

Every Monday morning at 8 A. M. there was a staff meeting to discuss the weekly program, special events, and to discuss problems. An instructor's guide was published by the Director to serve as a guide to the staff.

## DAILY PROGRAM

Each daily program was planned according to the group present and games were adapted to different age groups.

The taking of attendance was always the first step of each morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the marking of courts, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of the morning session.

Various activity games, group games, quiet games, story telling, and arts and crafts formed the largest part of the day's program.

## RAINY DAY PROGRAM

Movies.      Indoor games and Activities.      Arts and Crafts.

## INTER-PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

All activities were organized on an age-level program. The Junior program consisted of boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16 years. The midget group consisted of boys and girls under 12 years of age. The playground champion was determined by a point system and the largest number of points earned by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champion's" banner. A summary of the inter-playground activities is listed.

### Events

	River	West	Eastford	Charlton
Midget Girls Dodgeball ....	5	0	1	3
Softball, Boys .....	5	1	0	3
Junior Boys Softball .....	1	5	3	0
Volleyball, Girls .....	3	1	0	5
Croquet, Girls .....	3	0	1	5
Ping Pong, Boys .....	0	3	1	5
Horseshoes, Boys .....	1	5	3	0

### Special Events

Track .....	0	3	1	5
Swimming Meet .....	0	5	1	3
Amateur Show .....	8	0	0	1
Total .....	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>

Charlton Street Playground won the Playground banner again this year. River Street and West Street Playgrounds proved to be able contenders.

### Other Special Events

Under the supervision of Mr. Earle Whitney a nature hike was conducted for each playground. Over 200 youngsters participated in this project and it proved to be popular and educational.

Other special activities included the Amateur Show which was held at the West Street Gym, the track meet, which was held at Dresser Street Field, and the Water Day, which was held at the Town Swimming Pool.

As in former years, the exhibit of the Arts and Crafts Program was held in the Boston Store on Hamilton Street, with the usual interest and success. Over 2,500 finished items were displayed. New items featured were Italian jewelry, different types of woodwork, bread and meat boards, and jewelry made from plaster of Paris.

### SAFETY PROGRAM

It is very gratifying to report that the Safety Program was a success. There were no major accidents in our Playgrounds this year.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the playgrounds a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director,  
Summer Playgrounds.

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The standardization of all major items used for maintenance of school buildings and grounds has been completed. This enables the School Department to purchase in larger quantities and simplifies distribution to various schools.

1. A stock room is maintained, stocking all materials used in the system, thereby simplifying ordering and inventory.
2. The returning of worn-out equipment for new, including the base of burned-out electric light bulbs, has worked out to our satisfaction.
3. All oil and coal contracts were let out by contract at considerable savings.
4. The three new oil burners installed recently have proven very satisfactory, and have required very little maintenance.
5. River Street School building redecorating has been completed and a stone retaining wall has been built in the rear of the building. A new six-foot fence will be installed, weather permitting.
6. A much needed clean-up and paint campaign has been started in the High School building.
7. Plans are being completed for the modernizing of the boys' toilets and men's rooms. These contracts will be let out after State Health and Building Engineers have approved plans.
8. Considerable changes have and are being made to class rooms, Vocational shops, and offices in the High School building. These were much needed changes and will be an asset to better teaching and supervision.
9. Space does not permit me to elaborate on all the phases of maintenance, but considerable time and money must be spent yearly on these buildings as they have been sadly neglected for the past ten years.

The present School Committee, Finance Committee and School Superintendent are all in accord in relation to the need for immediate expenditures on the repairs of our buildings. A small amount spent each year will avoid major repairs in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
EMERY A. LAVALLEE,  
Maintenance Officer.



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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1951

## ELECTED OFFICERS

### Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit ..... 1952

### Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

### Selectmen

J. Gerard Nolet ..... 1952

Rosario Arpin ..... 1952

Emil J. Martin ..... 1952

### Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere ..... 1952      Ovide Desrosiers ..... 1953

Hermas Lippe ..... 1954      Herbert Michon ..... Agent

### Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman      Hermas Lippe  
Marie Lariviere      Herbert Michon, Agent

### Assessors

Joseph Lafleche ..... 1952      Charles Normandin ..... 1953

Raymond Benoit ..... 1954

### Board of Health

Henry Demers ..... 1952      Robert W. DeJordy D.S.C. 1954

Dr. Raymond Haling, Ch. 1953      Ernest Tetreault ..... Agent

Marguerite Houle ..... Nurse

### Highway Commissioners

George Lafleche ..... 1952      Arthur H. Bachand ..... 1954

Albert J. Arsenault ..... 1953

### World War Memorial Trustees

J. Gerard Nolet ..... 1952      Ovila Donais ..... 1952

Blaise Trudeau ..... 1952      Adelard Donais ..... 1953

William Berry ..... 1954      Roch Lafleche ..... 1954

### School Committee

Gabriel Crevier ..... 1952      Mrs. John Steen ..... 1952

Linnea Beck ..... 1953      Eugene Leblanc ..... 1953

Lorenzo Beaupre ..... 1954      Paul A. Roy ..... 1954

### Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn ..... 1952      Lectance Landry ..... 1954

George Dumas ..... 1953

### CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau ..... 1953      Bernard Richard ..... 1954

Raoul Meunier ..... 1952

### **Tax Collector**

Mederic Duhamel ..... 1954

### **Planning Board**

Francis N. Bishop ..... 1954      Bernard Raimondo ..... 1952  
Albert Bishop ..... 1953      Raymond Yates ..... 1956  
Edmund Ryan ..... 1955

### **Sewer Committee**

J. George Page ..... 1952      Alfred Goudreau ..... 1953  
Raymond Bachand ..... 1954

### **Park Commissioners**

Thomas Monaco ..... 1952      Edgar McCann ..... 1953  
Earl Wonderlee ..... 1954

### **Moderator**

Willard R. Stark ..... 1952

### **Tree Warden**

Chester J. Maska ..... 1952

### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

Ernest Lavalley ..... 1952      Charles Hart ..... 1954  
James Fallon ..... 1953

### **Southbridge Housing Authority**

Omer L. Perron ..... 1954      Arthur Cabana ..... 1955  
Francois C. Sansoucy ..... 1953      Felix Carmel ..... 1956  
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State ..... 1956

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1951**

### **Assistant Clerk, Selectmen**

Julian C. Gabree ..... 1952

### **Town Accountant**

Leon Caron ..... 1953

### **Town Counsel**

Robert S. Niedermeyer ..... 1952

### **Town Engineer**

Henry A. Racicot ..... 1952

### **Veterans' Service Department**

Paul Benoit, Director ..... 1952

### **Veterans' Benefits Agent**

Paul Benoit ..... 1952

### **Care of Town Clock**

Earl O'Clair ..... 1952

### **Recreation Committee**

Frank Skinyon .....	1952	Francis Ashe .....	1953
Willard Stark .....	1952	Joseph Duffy .....	1953
Earl Wonderlee .....	1954	Norman Staves .....	1952
John E. Merrill .....	1953	Lorenzo Beaupre .....	1953
T. Monaco .....	1952	Lewis Kyrios .....	1952
Richard Gaucher .....	1952	Henry Racicot .....	1952
Louis Brunelle .....	1953	Raymond Dartt .....	1952
Edgar McCann .....	1952		

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Robert H. McCarn

### **Pound Keeper**

Frederick H. Dowling .....	1952
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### **Keeper of Lock-Up**

Ovide Desrosiers .....	1952	Roland Bachand .....	1952
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### **Custodian of Town Hall**

Oliver Proulx .....	1952
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### **Animal Inspector**

Alcide Fournier .....	1952
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### **Plumbing Inspector**

Joseph Chagnon .....	1952
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### **Milk Inspector**

Joseph Chagnon .....	1952
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### **Building Inspector**

A. Raymond Dartt .....	1952
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### **Wire Inspector**

Clarence Bachand .....	1952
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### **Sealer of Weights and Measures**

G. R. Lariviere .....	1952
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### **Library Trustees for the Town**

Dr. Nerio Pioppi .....	1952	Edward P. Sheehan .....	1954
Oswald Laliberte .....	1953		

### **Library Trustees for the Fund**

Ellsworth Mitchell	Jacob Edwards
W. Wesley Crawford	John Martin

### **Registrars of Voters**

Harmel Houde .....	1952	Timothy Moriarty .....	1953
Seaver M. Rice .....	1954	Clare Boyer	

### **Fire Department**

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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## **Superintendent of Fire Alarms**

Norman Larochelle

### **Fire Warden**

Oswald Meunier ..... 1952

### **Deputy Fire Wardens**

Daniel Daniels	Albert Servant
Joseph Mandeville	Rosario Bellerose
Emile Caouette	Archie Langevin
Romeo Lippe	Charles Normandin
Harry Michaels	

### **Fence Viewers**

Euclid Gatineau ..... 1952	Alphonse Renna ..... 1952
Arthur Caplette ..... 1952	Albert Vecchia ..... 1952

### **Finance Committee**

Rockford O. Lavoie..... 1952	Edgar Tremblay ..... 1952
John T. Nasse ..... 1952	Dr. Arthur Tieri ..... 1952
Louis T. Allard ..... 1954	Joseph Gallery ..... 1953
John Rischitelli ..... 1954	Joseph Piasta ..... 1953
Albert Steg ..... 1952	Stuart Casavant ..... 1953
Alan G. Ferguson ..... 1954	George Metras ..... 1953
Edgar V. Lewis ..... 1953	Joseph Jacques ..... 1954

### **Honor Roll Committee**

Raymond Benoit	Bernard Beauregard
Edmund Ryan	Doris Loiselle
George W. Watson	Armand DeAngelis
Ronaldo Guertin	

### **Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Thomas L. Hughes	Clifford McKinstry	John J. Hogan
	Royce Fitzpatrick	

### **Field Drivers**

Albert Lamarine	James Laughnane	George Fitts
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### **Soldiers Burial Officers**

William J. Congdon	Arthur Eno
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### **Public Weighers**

Jacob Edwards	Beatrice Peloquin
Ralph McKinstry	Harry Michaels
Herman Staves	Thomas Hughes
Loretta Fitzpatrick	Raymond Fitzpatrick
Eleanor Drake	Doris O. Ryan
William Cox	

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Peter Graf	Edward Seremet	Mitchel Kurposka
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## **Committee to Revise Town By-Laws**

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr.	George Leduc
Alfred Beaulieu	George Favre
Louis Gagnon	Calvin Wright

### **Inspector of Petroleum**

Rudolph Lariviere

### **Dog Officer**

Albert Lamarine

### **Care of Veterans Graves**

William J. Congdon

### **Retirement Board**

Leon Caron	Paul H. Benoit	J. Alfred Dumas
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### **Airport Commission**

Emile Arsenault .....	1952	Ira W. Bracket .....	1955
Albert DiGregorio .....	1953	William Legate .....	1956
Edmund Ryan .....	1954		

# JURY LIST

## Male

Name and Address	Occupation
Allard, Roland A. J., 9 Federal Heights	Bus Driver
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut St.	Tool Maker
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser St.	Optical Worker
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton St.	Parts Manager
Beauregard, Alex, 403 Main St.	Shipping Room Clerk
Beaupre, Arthur H., 235 Mechanic St.	Machine Worker
Bednarczk, John J., 201 Everett St.	Tool Maker
Bertrand, Urban G., 370 Hamilton St.	Fireman and Janitor
Bellerose, Harald N., 161 Sayles St.	Grinder
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Dresser St.	Machinist
Blair, Alfred, 331 Dennison Drive	Trucking
Blais, Napoleon, 402 Worcester St.	Glass Worker
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Moon St.	Carpenter
Bolduc, Albert A., 255 Mechanic St.	Lens Worker
Brown, Robert E., 129 Charlton St.	Packer
Cardrant, Leo E., 579 Main St.	Truck Driver
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River St.	Salesman
Caron, Philias, 16 Water St.	Custodian
Cartier, Jos., Jr., 117 Worcester St.	Dealer
Cloutier, Armand J., 400 Main St.	Truer
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South St.,	Merchant
Cronin, Thomas F., 340 Hamilton St.	Yarn Inspector
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland St.	Foreman
Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Ct.	Machinist
DeAngelis, Phillip M., 80 Sayles St.	Student
Demers, Charles H., 62 Highland St.	Textile Worker
Donais, Adelard C., 133 Everett St.	Mechanic
Dow, Roland W., 42 Pleasant St.	Optical Worker
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic St.	Laborer
Durocher, Jos. G. R., 107 Pine St.	Forger
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St.	Dyer
Emery, Ernest H., 41 Cross St.	Optical Worker
Ethier, Louis G., 244 Mechanic St.	Taxi Driver
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut St.	Lens Moulder
Flood, Henry F., 327 Hamilton St.	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Lucien, 86 Chestnut St.	Machinist

Fontaine, Hermenegilde, 86 Chestnut St.	Optical Worker
Fortin, Clarence J., 20 Fairmont Ave.	Textile Worker
Fournier, Jos. H., 53 West St.	Grinder
Gaumont, Harvey W., 141 Everett St.	Taxi Driver
Gauthier, Philip, 412 Charlton St.	Salesman
Gauthier, Alexis J., 516 Charlton St.	Unit Leader
Gauthier, Pierre W., 630 Main St.	Steam Fitter
Genereux, Homer A., 103 Charlton St.	Steam Fitter
Gendreau, Jos. U., 119 Pleasant St.	Knife Maker
Giroux, Herman, 26 Marsh St.	Cafe Owner
Graf, Peter, 205 Main St.	Foreman
Gravel, Lionel J., 432 Charlton Street	Press Operator
Guignard, Jos. A., 78 Sayles St.	Machine Grinder
Hatton, Thomas, 296 Main St.	Machine Grinder
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Milling Machine
Jolin, Jean B., 272 Mechanic St.	Lens Grinder
Julien, William, 103 Charlton St.	Lens Grinder
Kingsley, 19 Franklin Ter.	Press Operator
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens St.	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 58 Main St.	Optical Worker
Landry, Lectance J., 62 Lovely St.	Painter
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut St.	Drawing
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River St.	Press Operator
Lapointe, Lionel J., 398 Worcester St.	Shipping Clerk
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West St.	Textile Worker
Lariviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon St.	Cutlery Finisher
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal St.	General Maintenance
Lavallee, Napoleon A., 48 School St.	Retired
Leblanc, Wilfred J., 219 Charlton St.	Machinist
Leblanc, Leon L., 372 Hamilton St.	Yarn Inspector
Leblanc, Oswald H., 54 Westwood Parkway	Lens Setter
Leboeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut St.	Stock Clerk
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards St.	Supervisor
Librara, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct.	Textile Worker
Libuda, Joseph, 24 Caron St.	Foreman
Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant St.	Machinist
Mathieu, Isaie, 288 Mechanic St.	Janitor
Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic St.	Rulling
Monaco, Lardy A., 234 Worcester St.	Electrician
Monaco, Thomas J., 115 North St.	Lens Moulder

Monette, Moise G., 122 Hamilton St.	Part Time Clerk
Mundell, Homer W., 59 Highland St.	Steam Fitter
Nichols, Thomas J., 29 Fiske St.	Unemployed
Parent, Aime E., 9 Hillcrest Ave.	Electrician
Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St.	Mill Hand
Paquette, Walter O., 257 Brickyard Rd.	Stock Clerk
Paquin, William, 32 Worcester St.	Inspector
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St.	Optical Worker
Petit, Alberic, 105 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Steam Fitter
Pezzetti, John E., 410 Elm St.	Salesman
Pinsonneault, Richard G., 205 Marcy St.	Press Operator
Pinsonneault, Laurier W., 109 Pine St.	Bench Worker
Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Ave.	Optical Worker
Plouffe, George E., 135 Marcy St.	Retired
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Wall St.	Carpenter
St. Martin, Rodolphe, 466 Worcester St.	Machinist
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm St.	Foreman
Savaria, Valmore P., 115 Woodstock Rd.	Millwright
Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oakes Ave.	Grocer
St. George, Regnault, 38 Foster St.	Optical Worker
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Sales Mgr.
Talbot, Ernest J., 34 Hamilton St.	Frame Worker
Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles St.	Knife Worker
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St.	Press Operator
Therrien, Armand, 57 Crystal St.	Store Clerk
Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St.	Cabinet Maker
Trembley, Albert J., 240 Marcy St.	Optical Worker
Trembley, Leodore, 274 Charlton St.	Supervisor
Varin, Raymond J. Jr., 110 Mechanic St.	Bookkeeper
Vecchia, Albert T., 80 Sayles St.	Woodworker
Volpini, Renato, 193 Eastford Rd.	Optical Worker

### Female

Bachand, Marie A., 201 Everett St.	Housewife
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph St.	Housewife
Ballard, Estelle C., 391 Hamilton St.	Clerical Worker
Benoit, Doris Ann, 44 High St.	Housewife
Boutillier, Mae, 112 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Brouillette, Eva, 89 Worcester St.	Housewife

Carpenter, Jeanette, 246 Mechanic St.	Inspector
Dubreuil, Julia, 11 Sayles St.	Housewife
Duhamel, Elizabeth, 346 Brickyard Rd.	Deputy Tax Coll.
Gagnon, Anna M., 53 Newell Ave.	Housewife
Gaumont, Stephanna, 711 Main St.	Housewife
Gauthier, Florence A., 234 Breakneck Rd.	Wrapper
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Housewife
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St.	Saleslady
Lafleche, Lea, 47 Green Ave.	Optical Worker
Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Ave.	Housewife
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy St.	Housewife
Proulx, Lilianne G., 92 Charlton St.	Social Worker
Russell, Mary Rose, 86 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St.	Clerk
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Central St.	Housewife
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic St.	Clerk
Walsh, Mary G., 59½ Fiske St.	Housewife

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report of their activities of the Department for the year of 1951.

The Board organized under date of March 6, 1951. J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Chairman of the Board, Rosario Arpin was appointed Clerk, other appointments of the Board may be found in the Town Report immediately following the list of duly elected officers.

In addition to our regular meetings which were held on Monday evenings of each week at 7:00 o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's office, numerous conferences, public hearings, and special meetings were held as occasion demanded.

In conjunction with other Town Departments, we have made considerable progress to improve conditions within the Town. Such as widening streets when possible, resurfacing others and making what other changes that we deemed advisable for the interest of the Town.

Parking Meters have been installed, which are a good source of revenue to the Town, and greatly facilitate parking on our principal streets.

Our aim during the entire year has been to give the people good and sound government at a minimum cost. We have endeavored to cooperate with all Town Departments in order that our Town Government may function to the best interest of all concerned.

The income of the Board for 1951 was \$17,493.50, and was received from the following items.

### Liquor Licenses

6 Club, All-Alcoholic .....	@ \$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3 Club, Wine & Malt .....	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder, All-Alcoholic .....	600.00	1,200.00
2 Innholder, Wine & Malt .....	200.00	400.00
12 Restaurant, All-Alcoholic .....	500.00	6,000.00
10 Restaurant, Wine & Malt .....	200.00	2,000.00
4 Package Goods, All-Alcoholic .....	300.00	1,200.00
6 Package Goods, Wine & Malt .....	100.00	600.00

5 Drug Store, All-Alcoholic .....	50.00	250.00
24 One Day Wine & Malt .....	1.00	24.00
2 Special, Wine & Malt .....	25.50	51.00
1 Special, Wine & Malt .....	8.50	8.50
4 Seasonal, All-Alcoholic .....	150.00	600.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,443.50</b>

4 Innholder .....	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.00
53 Common Victualler .....	3.00	159.00
48 Sunday Stores .....	3.00	144.00
28 Auto Dealer .....	3.00	84.00
23 Taxi Owner .....	1.00	23.00
108 Taxi Driver .....	1.00	108.00
7 Lodging House .....	1.00	7.00
6 Storage Tank .....	.50	3.00

#### Miscellaneous Licenses

7 Sale of Firearms .....	3.00	21.00
83 Overhanging Signs .....	1.00	83.00
5 Parking Lot .....	2.00	10.00
47 Pinball Machine .....	20.00	940.00
2 Pinball Machine Replacements .....	2.00	4.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>

#### Rentals

Town Hall .....	200.00
Court House .....	1,200.00
Lock-Up .....	50.00
	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>

**Grand Total    \$17,493.50**

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

Many problems were brought to our attention during the course of the year which came under the jurisdiction of other departments. Those were referred to the proper departments and were taken of expeditiously. We have found all other departments and officials to be very cooperative, thereby giving the people of Southbridge an efficient over-all administration.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Departments, Committees and others who have cooperated with us during the year to promote good government.

J. GERARD NOLET, Chairman,  
ROSARIO ARPIN, Clerk,  
EMIL J. MARTIN,  
Board of Selectmen.

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

## Vital Statistics

Total Number of Births Registered .....	553
Total Number of Deaths Registered .....	227
Total Number of Marriages Recorded .....	200
Total Number of Marriage Intentions .....	185

## Miscellaneous Licenses Recorded

Auctioneer's .....	2
Bowling and Pool .....	6
Junk .....	12
Hawkers' and Peddlers' .....	4
Gasoline .....	44
Garage .....	67
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Total licenses issued .....	135
Amount paid to Treasurer .....	\$309.50

## Dog Licenses Issued

Number of Licenses:	
Male .....	600
Female .....	77
Spayed Female .....	223
Kennel .....	7
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Total Licenses issued .....	907
Amount paid to Treasurer .....	\$1,909.60

## Sporting Licenses Issued

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses .....	859
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	286
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses .....	364
Resident Citizens' Women's and Minors' Fish. Lic. ....	312
Resident Minor Trappers' Licenses .....	3
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses .....	9
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses .....	8
Non-Resident Citizens' or Resident Alien Fish. Lic. ....	19
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses .....	5
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Lic. ....	1
Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses .....	83
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses .....	27

Resident Citizens' Old Age Assistance and to the blind .....	27
Duplicate licenses .....	9
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Total Licenses issued .....	2,012
Amount paid to	
Division of Fisheries & Game ....	\$3,620.00

### **List of Jurors Drawn by Selectmen During 1951**

Wilfred Girard of 222 Mechanic Street.  
 Wilfred Faford of 11 Columbia Street.  
 William J. Kirry of 60 East Main Street.  
 Albertine Duval of 122 Mill St.  
 Joseph E. Julian of 73 Newell Avenue.  
 George A. Gamache of 105 North Street.  
 Leo Lucier of 31 Randolph Street.  
 Emile Miller of 263 Mechanic Street.  
 Nicholas Stevens of 33 Oakes Avenue.  
 Arthur Staves of 37 Franklin Terrace.  
 Joseph Powers of Brickyard Road.  
 Albert Gendron of 42 Thomas Street.  
 Napoleon Blais of 402 Worcester Street.  
 Raoul J. Ravenelle of 65 River Street.  
 Charles E. Gravel of 158 Charlton Street.  
 John Rossi of 16 Lyons Street.  
 Sotir Alexander of 50 Lens Street.  
 Armand Peloquin of 86 Worcester Street.  
 Phillip DeAngelis of 80 Sayles Street.  
 Marie E. Lariviere of 97 Everett Street.  
 Lionel J. Lapointe of 398 Worcester Street.  
 Laura Varin of 110 Mechanic Street.  
 Eva Brouillette of 29 Worcester Street.  
 Albert Vecchia of 60 Sayles Street.  
 Hermenegilde Fontaine of 86 Chestnut Street.  
 Charles D. Lamothe of 23 Chestnut Street.  
 Alberic Petit of 105 Old Sturbridge Road.  
 Hormidas Lacasse of 2 Lens Court.  
 Richard Pinsonneault of 205 Marcy Street.  
 Julia Dubreuil of 11 Sayles Street.  
 Leon L. Leblanc of 372 Hamilton Street.

### **Meetings Held During 1951**

Annual Election of Town Officers .....	March 5, 1951
Annual Business Meeting .....	March 12, 1951
Special Town Meeting .....	August 27, 1951
Special Town Meeting .....	October 23, 1951
Special Town Meeting .....	November 19, 1951
Special Town Meeting .....	December 17, 1951

Respectfully submitted,  
 CLARE BOYER, Town Clerk.

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1951

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1951 .....	\$ 389,316.20	
Receipts for 1951 .....	2,006,360.07	
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1951 Disbursements .....		1,959,013.38
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1951		\$ 436,662.89

## FUNDED DEBT

		Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951
Due 1952	Denominated			
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 30,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	28,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	6,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	7,000.00
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\$23,000.00				\$ 71,000.00

## TEMPORARY LOAN

\$2,400.00—Anticipation of Revenue—Chapter 44, Section 6A—  
Due Feb. 15, 1952.

## POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945 .....	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Interest on Savings Acct. through Dec. 31, 1951 .....	25,386.70
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Total Fund .....	\$175,386.70

## TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1951	Int. 1951	Balance Dec. 31, 1951
<b>Mary Mynott Fund</b>			
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	\$1,000.00	\$ 25.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Boyer Fund</b>			
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	435.45	10.94	446.39

**Jesse J. Angell Fund**

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	1,449.18	36.45	1,485.63
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**Ella M. Cole Fund**

Attleboro Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings .....	1,000.00	23.75	1,000.00

**Hannah Edwards Fund**

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee .....	5,000.00	145.00	5,000.00
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**Mabel Murphy Fund**

Southbridge Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	50.00	2,000.00
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**Adah L. Stedman Fund**

Southbridge Credit Union .....	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
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**CEMETERY FUND**

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1951	Int. 1951
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	50.00
Gardner Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	75.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings .....	2,000.00	50.00
Leominster Savings Bank .....	2,475.00	61.88
Millbury Savings Bank .....	1,453.52	36.32
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings .....	3,000.00	67.50
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,500.00	75.00
Southbridge Savings Bank .....	11,592.10	257.52
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	75.00
Winchendon Savings Bank .....	3,000.00	97.50
Ware Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	1,714.68	38.57
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank .....	2,000.00	50.00
Worcester Co-op Federal Savings .....	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op .....	4,000.00	100.00
Merchants Co-op .....	4,000.00	105.00
Mattapan Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op .....	4,000.00	120.00

Congress Co-op .....	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op .....	4,000.00	95.00
Minot Co-op .....	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op .....	2,000.00	60.00
Southbridge Credit Union .....	4,500.00	111.16
Totals .....	<u>\$81,235.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,080.45</u>
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1951 .....		\$80,035.30
Added to Fund, 1951 .....		<u>1,200.00</u>
Cemetery Fund—Dec. 31, 1951 .....		\$81,235.30

Respectfully submitted,  
 NORBERT C. BENOIT,  
 Town Treasurer.

# REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1951. All appropriations voted since 1950. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by  
by Town Clerk to be raised by  
taxation ..... \$1,338,177.94

Total appropriations voted to be  
taken from available funds. In  
1951 since 1950 Tax Rate was fixed      59,072.82      \$1,397,250.76

## STATE:

	1951 Estimates	1950 Underestimates	
Tax and Assessments			
State Parks & Reservations	\$ 2,494.56	\$524.26	
State Audit of Municipal Account .....	1,733.64		
State Examination of Retirement System .....	632.09		
State Treasurer .....	46.00		
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	\$ 4,906.29	\$524.26	5,430.55

## COUNTY:

Tax and Assessments			
County Tax .....	\$48,496.91		
Tuberculosis .....	23,567.88		
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	\$72,064.79		72,064.79
OVERLAY of current year			21,216.75

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		<hr/>	\$1,495,962.85
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## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Estimated receipts for the year 1950	\$499,464.10	
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OVERESTIMATES of previous year  
to be used as available funds:

County Tax .....	\$ 1,486.64
Tuberculosis .....	3,965.24

**Amounts Voted to be Taken from  
Available Funds:**

Amounts and dates of approval  
by Commissioner of Corporations  
and Taxation:

\$18,822.58—August 28, 1950  
400.00—September 5, 1950  
9,850.24—December 28, 1950  
30,000.00—April 2, 1951

\$59,072.82	\$ 59,072.82
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	\$ 64,524.70

<b>Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds</b> .....	<b>\$ 563,988.80</b>
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<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property</b> .....	<b>\$ 931,974.05</b>
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Number of Polls, 5816 @ \$2.00 each	\$ 11,632.00
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Total Valuation: (Tax Rate \$56.20)

Personal Property .....	\$ 2,787,630.00	156.664.80
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Real Estate .....	13,588,530.00	763,675.39
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<b>Total Assessed Valua- tion on Personal and Real Estate</b> .....	<b>\$16,376,160.00</b>
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Divisions of Tax Rate .....	1.86
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<b>Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property</b> .....	<b>\$ 931,974.05</b>
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**Items not Entering into the  
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment & Special Assess-  
ments Added to Taxes:

Sewer Assessments in 1950 and int. (unapportioned) .....	3,603.95
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Sewer Assessments in 1950 and int. (apportioned) .....	491.82
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<b>Total of all other Commitments</b> .....	<b>4,095.77</b>
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<b>Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls and Property and Assess- ments Committed to the Collector to Date of Tax Rate .....</b>	<b>\$ 936,069.82</b>
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**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:**

Jan. 8th, 1951—Sidewalk .....	387.73	
Warrant to Collector, Jan. 8th, 1951		387.73
June 4th, 1951—Sewer .....	4,095.77	
Warrant to Collector, June 4th, 1951		4,095.77
June 12th, 1951—Poll Tax .....	100.00	
Warrant to Collector, June 12th, 1951		100.00
July 26th, 1951—Omitted Property ..	11.24	
Warrant to Collector, July 26th, 1951		11.24
Aug. 23rd, 1951—Omitted Property	39.34	
Warrant to Collector, Aug. 23rd, 1951		39.34
Aug. 23rd, 1951—Poll Tax .....	30.00	
Warrant to Collector, Aug. 23rd, 1951		30.00
Dec. 26th, 1951—Poll Tax .....	8.00	
Warrant to Collector, Dec. 26th, 1951		8.00

<b>Total Warrants to Collector on Polls, Real Estate, Personal, Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted Assessments for 1951 .....</b>	<b>\$ 940,741.90</b>
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<b>Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1951 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,807,556.00</b>
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1951	114,395.67
Warrant to Collector for 1951 .....	<b>\$ 114,395.67</b>

<b>Total Assessed Valuation for 1951 Including Motor Vehicles .....</b>	<b>19,183,716.00</b>
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<b>Total Warrants to Collector for 1951 .....</b>	<b>1,055,137.57</b>
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**Value of Exempted Property**

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals .....	\$1,774,160.00
Town Property .....	1,787,410.00
U. S. Post Office Property .....	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project .....	144,250.00
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	<b>\$3,803,820.00</b>

<b>Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed ....</b>	<b>6113</b>
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CHARLES NORMANDIN,  
JOSEPH LAFLECHE,  
RAYMOND BENOIT,  
Board of Assessors.

# REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The past year I removed 16 dead trees, on various streets about town that were endangering the public. Eight stumps out of sidewalks and town owned property.

All Elm wood and logs lying on the town-owned property I burned to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease, Leaf and Bark Beetle.

Dead limbs on trees, on various streets, I pruned and removed.

I braced and cabled three trees, repaired two bad cavities, and replaced one Maple tree.

1951 Appropriation,

Tree Warden Department .....		\$2,000.00
Salaries and Wages:		
Tree Warden .....	\$ 302.25	
Labor .....	1,123.06	
Other Expenses:		
Power Saw .....	73.00	
Winch .....	10.00	
Truck Hire .....	236.25	
Tools and Tree Paint .....	90.57	
Repair Elm Tree Cavity,		
World War Memorial Park .....	164.31	1,999.44
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		\$ .56

Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER J. MASKA,  
Tree Warden.

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## DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPARTMENT

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1951.

I sprayed the town-owned Elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer, using DDT Emulsion. I also had the center of the town sprayed with a Helicopter, to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle with excellent results, to help check Dutch Elm Disease.

I did not locate any Dutch Elm Diseased trees in our town the past year.

1951 Dutch Elm Disease Appropriation	\$2,730.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent .....	\$ 10.50
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Other Expenses:

Material (25% Niagara Nytox) .....	495.00
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Hydraulic Sprayer to Agitate

DDT for Helicopter .....	11.00
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Helicopter Spraying .....	322.50
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Hydraulic Spraying .....	1,891.00	\$2,730.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER J. MASKA,  
Moth Superintendent.

## GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The past year, I sprayed with DDT and Lead as many of our town-owned trees as possible, for Gypsy Moth and Web Worm, because of limited amount of funds.

I find in sprayed areas infestation has been kept down to my satisfaction.

Moth Extermination—1951 Appropriation	\$400.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent .....	\$ 27.00
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Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer .....	333.00
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Truck Hire .....	15.00
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Material .....	25.00	\$400.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER J. MASKA,  
Moth Superintendent.

# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1951. Giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires.

We responded to 9 bell alarms, 5 were false. 385 were still alarms. Total, 394 alarms for the year.

320 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year. Total \$20,800.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings .....	\$802,500.00
Loss on buildings .....	15,371.21
Insurance on buildings .....	530,200.00
Insurance paid on buildings .....	13,629.90
Value of contents .....	453,300.00
Loss on contents .....	7,470.61
Insurance on contents .....	341,500.00
Insurance paid on contents .....	7,274.61

## Inventory of the Fire Department

Two fire stations .....	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus .....	30,000.00
Fire Department supplies .....	10,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system .....	15,000.00

## Alarms Responded

Feb. 8—Still alarm at 10.03 A. M. Metal trailer at 11 Woodland Ave. Owned by Kenneth Morong. Caused by defective oil burner. Insured.

Feb. 26—Still alarm at 10.25 A. M. Tenement at 161 Mechanic St. Owned by Frank DeFederico. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

March 12—Still alarm at 9.30 A. M. Store at 27 Central St. Owned by Angelo Kollios. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

March 25—Still alarm at 8.55 A. M. Store at 833 Main St. Owned by Dewey Lariviere. Caused by clothes hanging over stoves. Insured.

March 28—Box 35 at 11.57 A. M. Tenement at 120 Hamilton St. Owned by Arthur Gregoire. Caused by rags on steam pipes. Insured.

- April 21—Still alarm at 2.30 A. M. Tenement at 255 Marcy St.  
Owned by Joseph Gauthier. Caused by careless smoking.  
Insured.
- April 22—Still alarm at 8.20 P. M. Hot house at 76 Sayles St.  
Owned by Vincent Vecchia. Cause unknown. No insurance.
- June 30—Still alarm at 2.15 P. M. Garage at 225 Mechanic St.  
Owned by Mrs. Lea Lariviere. Caused by burning rubbish  
in barrel near building. Insured.
- July 2—Box 57 at 12.18 A. M. Tenement at 243 Everett St.  
Owned by Anthony Kaprowski. Caused by fire crackers.  
Insured.
- Aug. 20—Still alarm at 5.45 P. M. Tenement at 127 Moon St.  
Owned by Filene DeGregorio. Caused by lightning. In-  
sured.
- Aug. 30—Still alarm at 10.31 A. M. Building at 321 Main St.  
Owned by Ralph Robbins. Caused by plumber's blow  
torch exploding. Insured.
- Sept. 9—Box 64 at 3.53 A. M. Tenement at 14 and 16 Robert St.  
Owned by Joseph Anger. Caused by defective wiring.  
Insured.
- Sept. 27—Still alarm at 9.15 A. M. Building at 327 Main St.  
Owned by A. V. Edwards. Caused by flooded power oil  
burner. Insured.
- Oct. 16—Still alarm at 3.27 P. M. Tenement at 444 Worcester  
St. Owned by Rodolphe Arpin. Caused by short circuited  
electric roaster. Insured.
- Oct. 19—Still alarm at 2.45 P. M. Tenement at 59 Fairlawn Ave.  
Owned by Hormidas Belanger. Caused by flooded range  
burner. Insured.
- Oct. 27—Still alarm at 1.35 P. M. Garage at 116 Everett St.  
Owned by Joseph Adamick. Caused by burning leaves near  
garage. Insured.
- Dec. 17—Still alarm at 12.25 A. M. Tenement at 570 South St.  
Owned by Charles Trahan. Caused by defective fire place.  
Insured.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Permits

Transporting Gasoline .....	4
High Explosives .....	12
Range Oil Burners .....	67
Power Oil Burners .....	203
Open Air Permits .....	490

Removal of Gasoline Tanks .....	5
Decorations .....	36
Bottled Gas Permits .....	33
<b>Inspections</b>	
Stores .....	208
Hotels and Boarding Houses .....	56
Tenement Houses .....	1887
Range Oil Burners .....	67
Power Oil Burners .....	203
Clubs and Cafes .....	119
Locked Out .....	30
Complaints .....	97

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the Citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department, wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Chief of the Fire Department.

## ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Chief

Oswald Meunier

### Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

### Permanent Firemen

Captain Emile Caouette	Lieut. Archie Langevin
Harry Gendron	Rodolphe Arpin
Ovila Donais	Adrien Pouliot
Ernest Collette	Victor Caouette
Alva Gregoire	Edward McNally
Henry Desourdy	Romeo Mathieu
Arthur Marand	Napoleon White
Edward Boucher	Jean St. Amant
Biago Puccilli	

### Callmen Hose No. 1

Captain Hermas Lippe	Lieut. Stewart Casavant
Clarence Blais	Gerard Fontaine
Lionel Peloquin	George Hogan
Leopold Langlois	Ernest Tremblay
Armand Dumas	Albert Beaudry
Thomas Mannis	Roland Larochelle

### **Callmen Aerial No. 1**

Captain Eugene Blais  
Romeo Lippe  
Armand Durocher  
William Berry  
Normand Larochelle  
Louis Ciprari

Lieut. Napoleon Blais  
Raymond Dartt  
Arthur Caplette  
Anthony DePietro  
Archie Ruzzoli

### **Callmen Hose No. 2**

Captain Adelard Lepage  
Alexander Daigle  
Aime Ravenelle  
Armand Gibeault  
Roy Proulx

Lieut. Eugene Gaumond  
Archie Matte  
George Plouffe  
Walter Kingsbury  
Melvin Williams

### **Superintendent of Fire Alarm**

Normand Larochelle

## **FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Forest Fire Department answered 43 alarms for forest fires in 1951.

Forest Fire Warden's salary — \$200.00.

There were 490 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this Department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### **Inventory of the Forest Fire Department**

One forest fire pump with 2500 ft. of 1½ in. hose .....	\$1,500.00
2800 ft. of 1-in. hose .....	1,400 00
6—1½-inch shut-off nozzles .....	125.00
6—1-inch shut-off nozzles .....	120.00
8 open end nozzles .....	54.00
1—½-ton Ford truck .....	1,000.00
1—1-ton Ford truck .....	150.00
Twenty-two 2½ gallon extinguishers .....	155.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps .....	163.50
4—2½-gallon hand pumps .....	60.00
6—Ten-quart pails .....	15.00
Fourteen brooms .....	14.00
Two shovels .....	2.00
12 reducers .....	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,  
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

## Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

## AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,015.40 made for this Department.

In 1951 the Ambulance made 247 out of town trips amounting to .....	\$2,511.00
The Ambulance Department collected bills amounting to .....	2,145.00

Balance on books .....	\$ 366.00
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During the past year the ambulance made the following trips:

Out of town trips at no charge:

Public Welfare .....	2
Old Age Assistance .....	2
Abated .....	4

Southbridge .....	318
Sturbridge .....	69
Worcester .....	60
Charlton .....	34
Fiskdale .....	20
Boston .....	14
Grafton .....	4
Framingham .....	4
Brimfield .....	4
Holland .....	3
Dodge .....	4
Spencer .....	3
West Woodstock .....	3
Oxford .....	3
Dudley .....	2
Hartford .....	2
West Dudley .....	2
East Brimfield .....	2
New Britain .....	2
Wales .....	1

West Springfield .....	1
Springfield .....	1
North Oxford .....	1
Whitman .....	1
Eastford .....	1
Waltham .....	1
Cranston, R. I. ....	1
Montague City .....	1
Newton .....	1
Brookfield .....	1
Middletown .....	1
Total .....	573

### Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1 Cadillac Ambulance .....	\$4,000.00
1 Ford Ambulance .....	200.00
2 Spare Tires .....	35.00
2 Folding Stretchers .....	60.00
1 Orthopatic Stretcher .....	60.00
2 First Aid Kit .....	10.00
2 Flame Proof Blanket .....	90.00
3 Pillows .....	7.50
25 Pillow Cases .....	19.00
24 Sheets .....	29.00
13 Blankets .....	65.00

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met March 9th and organized as follows:

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman.

Dr. Robert DeJordy, Clerk.

Mr. Henry Demers, P.H.G., Publicity Chairman.

Shortly after organizing, the Board of Health met with Mr. A. Caron and set up our books in such a manner as to break down the costs of the various phases of the department's work.

During the year 12 regular and 7 special meetings were held. Last year the tuberculosis clinic was discontinued, and is now being held at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital in Boylston, every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year.

Mr. Joseph Chagnon, the milk and food inspector attended a post graduate course in field work at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mass.

During the year various health meetings were attended by the Nurse, Board of Health Agent and Board members.

Since the pasteurization of milk law was enacted, not a case of undulant fever was reported.

A more detailed account of the activities of the Department can be found in the reports of the personnel of the Board.

We wish to thank all who have co-operated with our appointed officers.

Respectfully submitted ,  
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.  
ROBERT DeJORDY, D.S.C.  
HENRY DEMERS, P.H.G.  
Members of the Board of Health.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOOT EXAMINATION

To the Board of Health Physician.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951. A total of 1077 children were examined in the three Parochial Schools. As in the past the 8th grade pupils in each school were given a brief discourse on the proper care of their feet to maintain good foot health.

Following is a classification of defects noted in the examination.

General Posture .....	20
Skin .....	95
Nails .....	82
Orthopedic Conditions .....	138
Hygiene .....	35

The defects in their general classification are further broken down to specific conditions on the children's examination record cards.

The School nurse sent out 181 notices to the children's parents and in many cases we were able to include recommendation for better hygiene, posture or nail care.

We are thankful for the cooperation of the school nurse, the school authorities and the parents, and for their interest in promoting interest for better foot health in our children.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. DEJORDY, D.S.C.

# REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951. The results of restrictions imposed by the federal government on the materials used in this trade have been quite noticeable in this area, as they affect the number of new starts in various types of buildings, and also govern the extent of alterations and repairs of other existing structures.

The manufacture of some grades of materials have been discontinued and other suitable grades substituted, and some plumbing fixtures and appliances have been re-designed and standardized throughout the entire industry as an economical measure of manufacture as well as a means of conserving critical materials for defense.

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets .....	130
Lavatories .....	110
Bath Tubs .....	88
Kitchen Sinks .....	105
Laundry Trays .....	13
Sink & Tray Combinations .....	8
Shower Stalls .....	16
Urinals .....	11
Food Waste Grinders .....	3
Clothes Washing Machines .....	10
Dish Washing Machines .....	6
Industrial & Laboratory Sinks .....	14
Water Pumps .....	5
Tankless Water Heaters .....	18
Gas, Oil, Electric Water Heaters .....	51
Hot Water Tanks, (Range Boilers) .....	22
Floor Drains .....	7
Air Conditioners .....	2
Drinking Fountains .....	6
Slop Sinks .....	5
Wash Sinks & Wash Fountains .....	8
Total Fixtures & Appliances .....	638

Where no public sewers were available, 3 Cesspools and 9 Septic Tanks were installed with adequate drainage fields.

I also issued 14 permits for minor repairs, such as the renewal of or additions to water distributing pipes, replacement of fixture traps, relocating of house drains, etc.

Number of Permits Granted .....	184
Number of Inspections Made .....	532
Number of Water Tests Conducted .....	37
Unfinished Jobs of December 31st .....	16

The haphazard installation of private water supplies (wells) and private sewage disposal systems (cesspools and septic tanks with drainage fields) as well as many other factors pertaining to this and other types of sanitation for the protection of the public urges me to strongly recommend a complete revision of our plumbing code to be more in conformance with the advances of scientific research in the sanitation field and to provide our home owners and tax payers an economical, sound, and reasonable and practical code based on scientific considerations.

I take this opportunity to thank your Board for granting me leave of absence from September 24th., to December 14th., thereby enabling me to attend a 12 weeks' course in Environmental Sanitation at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. While some of the subject matter was quite familiar to me and served as refresher material, basic knowledge was also emphasized in many other subjects to meet the needs of public health departments such as ours. As I could be home on weekends, I made my services available to your department on Saturdays and Sundays so as not to retard or hinder constructions in any way.

I also wish to thank all town departments, firms and individuals who have co-operated or assisted me in carrying on the above work.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Plumbing.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

For the third consecutive year, I conducted 3 lectures on applied bacteriology to the biology class of Mary E. Wells High School under the direction of Professor Edward Deroches. We

also had three demonstrations to the same class held in our laboratory in Town Hall.

Making use of blanc plates containing a standard agar or a growing media, the students individually inoculated these plates while simulating actual operations in restaurants and cafes. Thus, plates containing a hair plucked from their heads, finger impressions, saliva, coughs, sneezes, dust, and swabbings from drinking glasses, etc., were incubated in our laboratory and the results examined by the students, with an adequate discussion and question period.

As in previous years, more time was expended in individual establishments where conditions required it, with the operators and owners cooperating amicably in building up and maintaining the sanitary aspects of their business places. There are yet a few locations where structural improvements are urgently needed and these owners fully intend to make the necessary alterations as soon as individual conditions permit.

During the year, we made 189 equipment inspections and performed the necessary confirmative tests indicating the efficiency of washing and sterilization methods. A different arrangement of equipment plus a few minor changes and improvements in methods of operation were recommended and were carried out in a fairly prompt and satisfactory manner.

We have 97 separate units serving food and drink in this community, and as the turnover in employees is sometimes quite extensive in the larger establishments, this necessitates more or less constant repetition and follow-ups on our part to maintain our sanitary requirements.

We have also noted a lesser degree of confusion and a more widespread knowledge of procedures since our last food-handlers' course in January, of 1950, and for reasons that will be immediately obvious to you, I would suggest strongly that our next course for food-handlers be directed with more emphasis toward the management and key-personnel in their employ.

Washing and sanitizing compounds and equipment are constantly being improved with the added advantages of more compactness and better construction of fixtures and more effective and labor-saving methods of sanitation.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Food Inspector.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit a report of the work performed as your Inspector of Milk for the year ending December 31st., 1951.

During the year, I collected samples from 16 vehicle-dealers, 95 dairy farmers and from our 4 local processing plants, together with samples from stores, restaurants, lunch counters, etc. I did not collect any samples or perform any tests or analyses during the last 3 months of this year as I was attending a 12 weeks' course in Environmental Sanitation at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst, but visited milk plants, stores, and restaurants and inspected vehicles whenever possible on week-ends.

Total number of samples collected—368.

Tests for Butter-Fats—346 samples tested, of which 19 samples were below the legal standard of 3.35%.

Tests for Solids—302 samples tested; 89 samples were found to be below the legal standard of 12.00% total solids.

Tests for Acidity—86 samples tested, 18 samples of which were below the accepted minimum standard, mostly due to improper cooling.

Phosphatase Tests—(Efficiency of pasteurization)—113 samples were tested, of which 5 were insufficiently pasteurized.

Microscopic Bacteria Count—(Clump Count)—384 samples examined of which 103 samples had counts higher than the A. P. H. A. Standards.

Mastitis Tests—42 samples were cultured and the smears from 5 cows were found positive and affected animals were disposed of by the farmers.

Milk, Cream & Oleomargarine Licenses granted .....	57
*Number of visits made to Dairy Farms .....	296
Number of visits made to Processing Plants .....	79

During the months of April and May, I visited and inspected 114 dairy farms in the company of 2 of our state Milk Regulation Board Inspectors for the purpose of mapping and routing dairy farms in the towns of Southbridge, Charlton, Dudley, Sturbridge, Fiskdale, Holland, Brimfield and the Brookfields to determine their easy accessibility in times of disaster or in the emergency of national defense.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,  
Inspector of Milk.

## REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sir:

Herein is my report as Slaughtering Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1951. I have inspected and stamped 65 meat animals, and rejected one hog.

The animals inspected are as follows:

Calves .....	10
Sheep .....	2
Cattle .....	3
Goats .....	2
Hogs .....	48

Respectfully submitted,  
ALCIDE FOURNIER,  
Inspector.

## REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Board of Health, Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The results of the annual inspection of pupils in the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

### **Notre Dame School—Number Examined, 480 Defects Requiring Notices, 34**

List of Defects:

Carious teeth .....	103
Hypertrophied tonsils .....	31
Tonsils under observation .....	44
Skin condition (Acne) .....	11
Ear condition (Eczema) .....	2
Vision corrected with glasses .....	30
Poor posture .....	3
Enlarged cervical glands .....	17
Eye condition under treatment .....	3
Heart .....	1
Chest Deformity .....	1

### **Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School—Number Examined, 301 Defects Requiring Notices, 34**

List of Defects:

Carious teeth .....	39
Hypertrophied Tonsils .....	14
Tonsils under observation .....	25
Skin condition (Acne) .....	3
Eczema .....	2
Vision corrected with glasses .....	13
Poor posture .....	1
Enlarged cervical glands .....	3

**St. Mary's School—Number Examined, 187**  
**Defects Requiring Notices, 30**

**List of Defects:**

Carious teeth .....	31
Hypertrophied tonsils .....	39
Tonsils under observation .....	19
Vision corrected with glasses .....	6
Heart condition .....	1
Enlarged cervical glands .....	5

Respectfully submitted,  
**RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.**

**REPORT OF AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health for 1951, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox .....	6	Dog Bite .....	28
Measles .....	103	Scarlet Fever .....	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	2	Whooping Cough .....	27
German Measles .....	3	Mumps .....	23
Total .....			205

List of deaths for 1951 for which this office has issued permits for burial.

**Diseases of the Circulatory System**

Arterioclerotic Heart Disease .....	23
Chronic Myocarditis .....	4
Congestive Heart Failure .....	3
Coronary Occlusion .....	5
Rheumatic Heart .....	1
Coronary Thrombosis .....	26
Hypertensive Heart Disease .....	2
Myocardial Infarct .....	5

**Diseases of the Nervous System**

Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis .....	1
Cerebral Embolism .....	3
Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	18
Cerebral Thrombosis .....	3

**Diseases of the Respiratory System**

Adenocarcinoma of Lungs .....	2
Respiratory Failure .....	4
Hypostatic Pneumonia .....	7
Carcinoma of Lung .....	2

Lobar Pneumonia .....	1
Bronchopneumonia .....	4
Hypostatic Pneumonia .....	7

#### Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System

Carcinoma of Prostate .....	3
Carcinoma of Ovaries .....	2
Carcinoma of Bladder .....	1
Uteri .....	5

#### Diseases of the Digestive System

Acute Liver Failure .....	1
Adenocarcinoma of the descending colon .....	1
Carcinoma of the Intestine .....	2
Carcinoma of the Kidney .....	2
Carcinoma of the Pancreas .....	1
Carcinoma of the Liver .....	1
Carcinoma of the Sigmoid .....	2
Carcinoma of the Stomach .....	4
Intestinal Obstruction .....	3

#### ACCIDENTAL

Gas Poisoning .....	2
War Casualty .....	2
Fractured Skull .....	2
Accidental Drowning .....	1
Extensive Burns of Face and Body .....	1
Certificate Issued for Transfer from Oak Ridge to Italy .....	1

#### All Others

Prematurity .....	6
Peritonitis .....	4
Still Born .....	6
Gastric Ulcer .....	2
Leukemia .....	1
Cancer of Rectum .....	1
Diabetic .....	1
Addison Disease .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	1

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Total .....	188
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Respectfully submitted,  
ERNEST TETREAULT, Agent.

## REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1951.

I received during the year 41 complaints. All were investigated.

### Permits and Licenses Issued

Day School .....	2
Boarding House for the Aged .....	1
Vapor Bath .....	1
Convalescent and Nursing Home .....	1
Non-Alcoholic Beverage .....	1
Slaughter House .....	3
Funeral Director .....	5
Ice Cream Mix .....	3
Anti-Freeze .....	42
Total .....	59

Respectfully submitted,  
ERNEST TETREAULT,  
Sanitary Inspector.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending December 31, 1951.

Since the discontinuation of the monthly tuberculosis clinics in August 1950, all chest X-rays have been referred to the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Boylston.

Thirty-six reported for X-ray and examination. Thirteen from this group were X-rayed twice; one, three times; two, four times, and two reported to the Veterans Hospital in Rutland.

We have had a total of sixteen patients in four Sanatoriums, receiving treatment during the year. Two remained only a few months; two died and four were discharged after a long period of treatment. Two new patients were admitted and one old patient was re-admitted.

Twenty-seven ex-sanatorium patients listed on our records as quiescent, no activity, are getting along very well; most of them have full time employment and live a normal life.

**Dental Clinic**

Although the condition of the children's teeth has improved over a period of years, our school health records still show carious teeth at the top of the list of defects.

We carried on our dental program during eight months of the school year for the benefit of the elementary school children in the first four grades. In a very limited way, we have endeavored to follow ideal objectives, such as to assist in the prevention of dental disease; routine dental care and class-room instruction on dental hygiene.

The charting of dental defects in classrooms, by the staff dentist, made more time available in the clinics for treatment. With this information, the children in need of immediate attention were selected to report first.

During sixty-four clinics, four hundred and twenty pupils attended, with request slips from their parents. Three hundred had their teeth cleaned, plus six hundred and five fillings.

### **Toxoid Clinics**

Toxoid clinics were scheduled from February 13th to April 27th. This year it was necessary to have an extra session in Notre Dame school, in order to care for a group of forty-eight pupils who had requested a booster dose of toxoid. One hundred and five children had three injections, three weeks apart, and two hundred and forty-two had a booster dose.

Parents are now aware of the value of this treatment for the prevention of diphtheria, and each year we find more children have been immunized before they enter school. Over 75% of the children registered for kindergarten and 57% of those for the first grade.

During the month of September, all the parochial school children were weighed and measured, as part of the physical examination. The school physician examined nine hundred and sixty-eight pupils, assisted by the nurse. Defects found were recorded on health cards and parents advised to consult their family physician. The purpose of these examinations is to note the general health; detect symptoms of contagious disease, and on the whole, to check the growth and well-being of the child since the last examination. Good appearance and an increase in height and weight usually finds a child normal.

### **Pre-School Clinics**

Registration and physical examinations were conducted by the School Health Department and the Board of Health. A total of three hundred and twelve children reported at five clinics, plus thirty-three more who registered at the Board of Health Office during the summer. This number included pupils for the first grade and kindergarten.

The Massachusetts Hearing Test which is the group, pure-tone test instrument, was used for the first time in testing one hundred and ninety-five pupils in Ste. Jeanne d'Arc school. The test proved rather unsatisfactory, with an unusual number of failures. This was due to the fact that the test was conducted on the stage in a large hall where it was almost impossible to shut out sounds from other classrooms, as well as outside. The testing area was the only one available. The majority who failed to make a perfect score were re-tested individually, with much better results. The remaining group were advised to consult their family specialist.

Since the hearing test in March, we have had the privilege of using a basement-room which was adequate in every way for eye testing. Two hundred and sixty-nine children had their eyes tested; sixteen wore glasses and eighteen failed to make a perfect score. The failures were reported to the parents with recommendations to report to their family specialist.

Due to lack of proper facilities in Notre Dame School, it has been impossible to have ear and eye testing on a regular schedule. However, this year, with the co-operation of the school authorities, we examined the eyes of five hundred and forty-seven pupils. We found eighty-six needing follow-up; either and eye correction or treatment. In this group, forty-two wore glasses and a total of sixty failed to make a perfect score, including sixteen who wore glasses.

The parents concerned were notified and it is most gratifying to note that they were anxious to have their children report to the family specialist.

Dr. Robert DeJordy, podiatrist, examined the pupils in all the parochial schools. Separate notices of defects were sent to the parents.

The State Law "Prohibiting the employment in schools of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, etc.", made it necessary to have the public and parochial school personnel X-rayed. A mobile unit provided by the Southern Worcester County Health Association rendered this service for two hundred and seventy-two persons, on March 19th. in the Town Hall. This included forty-six from the parochial schools, as well as the school personnel from Sturbridge, Charlton and Holland.

### **Sterling Camp**

This year, two groups of children spent a month at the Sterling Health Camp instead of the former schedule of one group for two months. Seven girls enjoyed this privilege.

This health camp program is under the supervision of a nurse and trained workers and consists of various handicrafts,

swimming, dramatics, games and hikes. Each child gained weight from the mid-day rest period, proper food and regular habits.

Seventy parochial school children were provided with a mid-morning milk lunch, from funds donated by the Lion's Club. Both the parents and the teachers appreciate this kind gesture.

Since a new State Law requires nursery schools to conform to regulations drawn up by the local Board of Health, it was necessary to inspect the schools before granting a license. Schools were inspected March 1st and November 30th.

There are two nursery schools in this community—the Hyland Nursery School located at 59 Highland Street, and the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten on Main Street, in the Methodist Church. The following items were checked: Location, safety and sanitation, construction, play space, light and ventilation, temperature, arrangement of rooms and provision for health care. Both schools were found to comply with all requirements.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were placarded according to local requirements. Home visits were made in each case and instructions given to prevent the spread of disease.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.  
Board of Health Nurse.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New buildings .....	49
Additions to already erected buildings .....	30
Additions to old wiring .....	223
Oil burners .....	128
Electric ranges .....	86
Electric water heaters .....	22
Total permits issued were .....	538

Inspection while work is in progress .....	1087
Recommendations to change wiring .....	40

Respectfully submitted,  
 CLARENCE A. BACHAND,  
 Inspector of Wires.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
 Town of Southbridge  
 Southbridge, Massachusetts  
 Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1951.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town departments and the citizens of our Community in the year 1951.

Assault and battery .....	3
Breaking, entering and larceny .....	25
Breaking, entering to commit larceny .....	5
Larceny and attempted larceny .....	1
Larceny of automobile .....	1
Using motor vehicle without authority of owner .....	3
Violation of Town-By-Law .....	1
Deserter from Army, Navy, Marine .....	4
Disturbance of the public peace .....	7
Driving a motor vehicle to endanger life .....	12
Drunkennes .....women	7 262
Driving motor vehicle while intoxicated .....women	2 42
Escapee from prison .....	4
False alarm of fire .....	2
Violating motor vehicle laws .....women	18 346
Neglect, desertion, non-support .....women	1 8
Violation of traffic rules & regulations .....women	8 338
Tramps, vagabonds, vagrants .....women	1 15

Violation of Court order .....	women 1	4
Leaving scene of accident without making self known .....		11
Runaway .....		1
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Total arrests .....	women 38	1097
Cars reported stolen & recovered .....		6
Radio calls sent out .....		624
Parking violations summonses issued .....		568
Personal injury accidents reported .....		50
Pedestrians 17 1 fatal		
Bicyclists 6		
Coasting 2		
Property damage accidents reported .....		98
Night lodging to travelers .....		82
Stolen property reported .....	\$1133.95	
Stolen property recovered .....	946.90	
Stolen property not recovered .....	187.05	
Doors & windows found unlocked and open .....		509
Persons reported missing and located .....	dead 3	13
Motor vehicle operator licenses recommended suspended..		28
Pistol & revolver license permits issued .....		159
Motorists checked for auto violations .....		2469
Respectfully submitted,		
OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,		
Chief of Police.		

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall

I wish to render a report of the permits issued by the Building Inspection Dept. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1951.

Alterations adding 12 new apartments .....	\$52,700.00
New Single Dwellings 64 new apartments .....	539,900.00
New 2 Family Dwellings 6 new apartments .....	70,000.00
New Garages 41 Stalls .....	20,250.00
Fire Re-Building 2 Family .....	6,500.00
New Funeral Home .....	15,000.00
New Gas Measuring Station .....	5,000.00
New Dining Cart .....	9,000.00
New New England Tel. & Tel. Dial Station .....	30,000.00
Alteration to Bank .....	65,000.00
Storage Sheds & Etc. ....	3,650.00
Barn .....	5,000.00
One Six-Family House Demolished .....	

A. RAYMOND DARTT,  
Building Inspector.

# REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year 1951:

## Planned, Laid Out, Inspection of New Construction

1. Central St. Resurfacing—Contract, J. J. Doyle Co.
2. North Woodstock Rd. Drain—Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
3. Hartwell St. Drain—Highway
4. Fiske St. Sewer—Contract, Duff Bros., Inc.
5. Swimming Pool Wall—Contract, Trahan Bros.
6. Morris St. Reconstruction—Highway
7. Cliff St. Bridge —Highway
8. Eastford Rd. School Drive & Walls—Highway
9. Oliver Street Sidewalk—Highway
10. Cemetery Arch—Contract Duff Bros., Inc.
11. Emergency Door, Legion Rm. Town Hall—Southbridge Lumber Co.
12. R. R. Property Sidewalk—Highway
13. Liberty St. Drain—Highway
14. Dresser St. Reconstruction—Contract Dowgielowicz Bros., Inc.
15. Green St. Gutter—Highway
16. Durfee St. Resurfacing—Highway
17. Charlton St. Drain—Highway
18. Henry St. Field Grading—Contract, Southbridge Landscape

## New Streets Laid Out

Faulkner Ave.	Forest Ave.
Newman Ave.	Cole Ave.
Letcher St.	Morris St.
Roosevelt Drive	Truman Ave.

## Property Transfers Laid Out

Town of Southbridge to Archie Keyes  
Town of Southbridge to Joseph Cartier  
Town of Southbridge to Donald F. & Lillian M. Larson  
Town of Southbridge to Worc. County Electric Co.  
Town of Southbridge to Walter Krasowsky et al  
Worc. County Electric Co. to Town of Southbridge  
Walter Krasowsky et al to Town of Southbridge

## Property Easements

Worcester County Electric Co. to Town of Southbridge  
Corinda DiBonaventura et ux to Town of Southbridge  
Hyde Manufacturing Company to Town of Southbridge  
Edward A. Paquin to Town of Southbridge  
William C. Eaton to Town of Southbridge  
Philip O. Kozak to Town of Southbridge

## Investigations

### 1. LOCATE SEWER LINES

Roger St.	South St.
Chestnut St.	Lebanon St.
West St.	Marcy St.
Hook St.	Worcester St.
Windsor Ct.	

### 2 ACCIDENTS

Crane St.	Central St.
Mill & Hamilton Sts.	Mechanic St.

### 3. DRAINAGE

Ash St.	Charlton St.
East Main St.	Goddard Ct.
Elm St.	Lebanon St.
Main St. Culvert	Forest Ave.
Cady Brook	Woodycrest Ave.
Worcester St.	Beecher St.
Windsor Ct.	Violet Ave.
Fairmount Ave.	

### 4. RELOCATIONS

Wall St.	Elm St.
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### 5. PRIVATELY BUILT OR PROPOSED SEWERS

Roosevelt Drive	Hartwell Terrace
Cole Avenue	

### 6. THRU STOP SIGNS

Sayles St.	East Main St.
Robert St.	Mechanic St.

### 7. STREET BOUNDS SET

Worcester St. (1)	Charlton St. (1)
Athletic Field (1)	Forest Ave. (1)
Marjorie Lane (1)	

### 8. STREET LINES

Worc. St. (2)	High St. (1)
Cisco St. (1)	Highland St. (1)
Mechanic St. (1)	Cliff St. (1)
No. Woodstock Rd (4)	South St. (1)
Rose St. (1)	Cole Ave. (1)
Green Ave. (1)	Chapin St. (1)
Hillside Rd (1)	Chestnut St. (1)
Hillcrest Ave. (1)	Belmont St. (1)
Wall St. (1)	Dresser St. (1)
William St. (1)	Crescent St. (1)

### 9. GRADES

Trade School	Beech St.
Henry St.	Dennison Drive
Chestnut St.	Prospect St. (sidewalk)

## Other Miscellaneous Investigations

Articles for Annual and Special Town Meetings  
Main St. Manhole on property given Town by R. B. Dresser  
Proulx Ave. (Well)  
Plimpton St. (Sewer)  
Inspect Gravel Banks 3  
Main St., East Main St., Mechanic St. (Sewer Covers)  
Marcy St. (sidewalk)  
D. P. U. (hearing on Natural Gas)  
State Planning Board (Boston)  
Worcester St. (Sign Permit)  
East Main St. (Location of Natural Gas Line)  
House Numbers (various streets) 58  
Electric Pole Locations 18  
Federal Housing (Street Repair Contract)  
Property Lines (2nd Reservoir)  
Elm St. (Brook)  
River St. Bridge (Repairs)  
Peck St. Layout for Acceptance  
Mill St. Layout for Acceptance  
Pleasant St. Sewer Estimate  
Dennison Drive Wall Estimate

## Layouts—Plans & Estimates

Liberty St. Sidewalk	Hook St.
Parking Meters	Privately Built Sewers
Ames St.	Roosevelt Drive
Cole Ave.	Fire Station Addition
Cole Trade School (Land)	Town Hall (vaults)
Central St. Drain	Chapin St. Reconstruction
Elm St.	

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your board and other boards, committees, and departments, for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
HENRY A. RACICOT,  
Town Engineer

## BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Southbridge.

The Board of Road Commissioners wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

We completed the usual maintenance routine of cleaning and flushing all storm water drains, sweeping streets, cutting brush, patching streets, cleaning slopes and shoulders on various roads, sanding and plowing streets and snow removal.

The road oiling program was not completed due to the amount of time taken to complete the various Special Projects.

The following Special Projects were completed, at the costs listed below.

Hartwell Street Drain .....	\$379.63
Morris Stret Reconstruction .....	14,832.82
River Street Drain (not completed) .....	202.48
Cliff Street Bridge (not completed) .....	3,724.88
Eastford School Drive and Walk .....	1,020.79
Oliver Street Sidewalk .....	1,218.71
Charlton Street Drain .....	498.51
Durfee Street Resurface .....	643.20
Fairmont Avenue Improvements .....	571.75
Belmont Street Grading .....	147.95
Central and Hook Streets Sidewalk .....	1,304.75
Green Avenue Asphalt Gutter Construction .....	149.95
Liberty Street Storm Drain .....	688.00

We wish to thank all other Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE N. LAFLECHE,  
ALBERT J. ARSENAULT,  
ARTHUR H. BACHAND,  
Board of Road Commissioners.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Planning Board has been working on the Official Map by having it brought up to date of any and all changes that have taken place in the past. Some work has been done on the master plan.

For the convenience of the citizens who have the need to attend Public Hearings before the Board we are having made copies of the Official Map and having it mounted in a wall box with rollers. In the past we had only a small map to refer to. Copies of these Maps will be placed in several locations, possibly town department offices.

The Board took action on the following Sub-Divisions:

William Grenier, Maple Terrace, Final Approval.

William Grenier, Hartwell Terrace, Conditional Approval.

Joseph and Beatrice Gallery, Chapin Street, Conditional Approval.

Hormisdas Corriveau, Ames Street, Conditional Approval.

Hogan Realty Corporation, Durfee Street and Field Street, Pending.

The Board granted two Easements for Public Utilities only.

The Sub-Divisions approved are shaping up as well as can be expected and the Board is well pleased with the cooperation of the Sub-Dividers.

To assist any citizen desirous of information on Sub-Divisions the Board has had printed a handy pocket size reference card which gives in brief what to do in Applications for any Sub-Divisions. These cards can be procured from any member of the Planning Board or at its Office Room 15 Town Hall on Monday evenings at 7:30 P. M. There is no charge for these cards. The work of the Board of which the members receive no salary is increasing as new laws are being currently passed by our state government.

The Board was represented at the Regional and Annual Meetings of the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards of which the Board is a member. The meetings were held in West Boylston and Fall River.

In order to do away with the confusion caused by the duplication of the name of Cedar Street the Board voted to change the Cedar Street off Hudson Avenue to Jefferson Stret, This street was never accepted by the Town. The other Cedar Street off Elm St. will still be called Cedar as this street has been accepted by the Town.

The Board recommended a change of Zone in the Westville district to James Westwell to a General Business Zone.

Although the street is often called Lebanon Hill Road it is officially Elm Street. This street begins at Main Street and runs in a Southerly direction for a distance of 18,243 feet to the Connecticut State Line.

For the Safety and convenience of the public we recommend that the Cross Road between the old and new Breakneck Roads be made passable its entire length from the present end of the gravelled section westerly, the small bridge over the brook there could be repaired for a small cost.

The repairing of this Road would relieve the town of any responsibilities caused by persons receiving injuries and damages on this road as this road is legally opened. It would aid in Fire Fighting and shorten the School Bus Route between the two Breakneck Roads.

From a preliminary study made by this Board for the need for a By-Pass for through Trucks and Trailers now using Route 131 through Town we suggested the following Route to the Traffic Division of the Department of Public Works for a Through By-Pass:

Beginning at a point near the so called Shephard Road in Sturbridge on Route 131 easterly to Westville across the Quinebaug River along South Street to rear of the residences on

South Road, thence near so called Proulx Farm to beginning of Durfee Street along Durfee Street right of way to a point near the Cohasse Country Club along Durfee Street to Elm Street, across Elm Street across wooded land to pass about 1,000 feet near end of Morris Street continuing easterly to Ashland Avenue and North Woodstock Road, along Ashland Avenue to Junction of Ellison Road and Route 131, doing away with the need to cross the Railroad and travelling around the curve in Sandersdale.

The Department of Public Works has advised us that a complete study will be made and it will report its findings and advise if such a BY-Pass is feasible.

We wish to thank the citizens and town officials for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCIS N. BISHOP, Chairman  
BERNARD L. RAIMONDO, Secretary  
RAYMOND YATES  
EDMUND A. RYAN  
ALBERT J. BISHOP  
Southbridge Planning Board.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights & Measures for the year 1951.

Scales		Sealed	
Scales over 10,000 .....			4
Scales 1000 to 5000 lbs. ....			63
Scales under 100 lbs. ....			123
Weights .....			286
Yard sticks .....			16
Tapes .....			6

Meters		Adjusted Sealed	
Meters 1 inch .....	1		71
Meters more than 1 inch .....	2		22

Package Reweighing

	Tested	Correct	Over	Under
Bread .....	157	145	5	7
Butter .....	35	35		
Confectionary .....	40	40		
Dry Commodities .....	30	30		
Flour .....	22	18	4	
Fruits & Vegetables .....	42	42		
Lard .....	10	10		
Meats & Provisions .....	90	80	2	8
Potatoes .....	60	48	10	2

#### Other Inspections

Peddlers License .....	16
Milk Jars .....	40
Paper Containers .....	15
Markings on Packages .....	135
Retest of Meters .....	5
Oil Jars .....	50

Respectfully submitted,  
G. R. LARIVIERE,  
Sealer.

## DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Directives from the Governor's Office and Bulletins from Civil Defense headquarters, the various Town Offices have been contacted and inventories made of existing facilities. Industry has been contacted and representatives of Industry have attended meetings of instruction in Worcester and are in process of organization.

The Advisory Council has been meeting about monthly in planning organization and procedure.

On Oct. 3rd. 1951 the Selectmen issued a proclamation declaring a state of Emergency and conferred on the Director and Unit Chiefs authority to act pursuant to the Governor's proclamation and the act of the Legislature Chapter 639, 1950.

In October the Board of Public Welfare started a survey to find out how many refugees could be accommodated in Southbridge Homes.

The Auxiliary Police are organized and were used, in addition to the Regular Force, on Halloween and at the Bartlett-Wells football game Thanksgiving.

I wish to thank the several town offices and the members of the Advisory Council for their help and cooperation.

EDWARD L. CHAPIN,  
Director.

## VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Southbridge, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its sixth report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance .....	20
Burial .....	15
Civil Service .....	10
Compensation .....	31
Discharge	
Copy	
Recorded .....	13
Education, Training, Rehabilitation .....	60
Employment .....	13
Filing for Bonus .....	8
Flags .....	8
Grave Markers .....	1
Hospitalization .....	72
Housing .....	14
Information .....	70
Insurance .....	60
Medical-Dental .....	245
Miscellaneous .....	1125
Photostat .....	130
Pensions .....	16
Notarization .....	280
Selective Service Act .....	115
Social Security .....	10
Tax Abatement .....	45
Veterans' Benefits	
Permanent Cases .....	28
Temporary Cases .....	64

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and as a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

During the past year, our work for local veterans and their families has been instrumental in getting financial assistance from the State and Federal government to a great amount.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans' Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, local industries and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL H. BENOIT,  
Director.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

During the year 1951, I quarantined 27 dogs, I inspected all barns, meat cattle, calves, horses, hogs, sheep and goats that are kept within the confines of this town.

Yours respectfully,  
ALCIDE FOURNIER,  
Inspector of Animals.

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Following is our annual report to you on recreation in the Town of Southbridge.

It is divided into four separate reports submitted by the chairman of each recreational area for clarity.

With this report are some recommendations for your study.

Respectfully submitted,  
LORENZO D. BEAUPRE, Chairman,  
FRANK P. SKINYON, Co-Chairman,  
Southbridge Recreation Committee

## REPORT OF DRESSER STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dresser Street Field opened about May 1st this year, this allowed ample time to get the field into condition for the beginning of the summer program of recreation. Mary E. Wells High School and Cole Trade High School used the baseball diamond for all of their scheduled games and much of their practice. The diamond was used every school day by these teams on an alternating schedule from about the middle of May until the last of June.

Other teams that used the diamond for both practice and scheduled games were Notre Dame Alumni, American Legion and on a few occasions some teams from the Catholic Parochial League. The baseball diamond could be put to greater use.

The track was used for Mary E. Wells track events as were the broad jump pit, the shot put court and the high jump area in the spring. In the fall the track was used by both Wells High and Trade High for practice and for conducting their cross-country events. There were three track meets held on the field, and about four or five cross-country events.

### **LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**

A Little League was formed in Southbridge this year for the first time with Mr. Jacob Edwards as its President. To care for this new addition to the recreational enjoyment of the townspeople a little league diamond was constructed at Dresser Field early in the Spring. It was used to play off a 36 game schedule between four teams starting June 3 and finishing August 5. Three post season games were played at the field between our Little League all stars and Westfield, Putnam, Conn., and Woonsocket, R. I. respectively. Little League games started at about 6:30 P. M. were announced, play by play over a loud speaker and proved to be a great boost to the summer time recreation for hundreds of enthusiastic fans. This program stands as a credit to the officers of Little League, the men who organized it, the announcers, the regular umpires, the mothers who umpired one game, the fathers who played the all stars one night and to every one else who helped to bring this enjoyable sport and recreational spectacle to our town. Little League should be expanded to 6 or 8 teams. This would give more boys an opportunity to play in this kind of competition and gain this splendid and helpful experience. To do this another little league diamond is needed at Dresser Field, this means that more room should be provided. Any expenditure that would increase the enjoyment that was observed and experienced by hundreds at each little league game this summer would be well invested.

### **MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

A minor league baseball schedule was conducted at Dresser Street Field during the summer under the supervision of Lewis A. Kyrios, Director of Summer School Playgrounds Program. This schedule consisted of 48 games starting at 9:00 A. M. and running from June 9, to August 16, and consisted of 60 boys.

The purpose of Minor League was to provide an opportunity for boys below the age of 11 years to play in an organized league. The league provides such boys an opportunity to improve their skill and ability so that they may be able to play in the regular Little League in the future. Little League ages are

from 8 to 12. At the conclusion of the season an all star team was picked and games were played with Charlton minor league all stars.

"Little League T" shirts were presented to the boys by Mr. Jacob Edwards, President of Little League at the end of the last all star game.

The program was a huge success from the standpoint of participation, enthusiasm, play and safety. To appreciate this program one would have to see it in operation, talk to mothers and fathers who attended these games, and observe these young Americans at play.

## **TENNIS**

The tennis courts were made available during the first of June and there was a tremendous increase in the use of the courts from the beginning. The people using the courts were, generally, over 20 years of age.

The second annual tennis tournament was held late in the summer using both courts for their competition. Nineteen players signed up for the tournament and four were needed. A doubles tournament was organized but rain and scheduling difficulties prevented the completion of this program.

Both courts were in use about 80% of the time from 1:00 o'clock until dark every day.

## **PLAY DAY**

Toward the last of the Playground season Lewis Kyrios held an inter-playground track and field event for a morning on the field. About 160 boys and girls competed.

## **SOFT BALL**

The Recreation Committee does not allow Soft Ball to be played on the regular Baseball diamond, so a Soft Ball diamond was provided in the Football area at Dresser Field. It was used by the Wells High School girls softball team. It was used extensively by teams such as Town Hall or "Ben Tully's Terrors", Firemen, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Southbridge News, Russell Harrington, etc., these teams played many games but were not held to an organized schedule. The area was used even more by unorganized or Community "pick up" teams. There was a game of this sort in progress practically all of the time it was light enough to see the ball, this type of play is real recreation. Recreation should not be supervised too closely, or it loses its value. These games provide much "fun" and the association of "fun" and complete freedom of action develops an attitude of respect and love for the Town that makes it possible for these sessions. It is in this type of recreation that the principles of democracy are tried, that majority rule is practiced, that good citizenship is developed.

## **BAND CONCERTS AND MOVIES**

There were two band concerts held at Dresser Field this season and they were followed by movies. By holding these concerts at the field we were able to solve a much needed seating problem that cannot be had at other locations in Town. This location is away from noisy traffic and off of the Main Streets. The concerts were conducted by Antonio Orsini and played by the Southbridge Musicians Union of which Adelard Desrosiers is secretary.

The Travelogue pictures proved very popular and these were shown right after the concerts, combining the two features.

JOHN E. MERRILL, Chairman  
LORENZO BEAUPRE  
FRANCIS ASHE

## **BASKETBALL**

A new Type I basketball court was constructed at Dresser Field this year. It was not completed in time to use for recreation this season but will be available at the opening of the field in the Spring of 1952.

## **FOOTBALL**

Mary E. Wells High School football team used Dresser Street Field for all their practice and home games. Hot water was available at all times and visiting teams dressed and showered in a freshly painted, clean, orderly field house. The Wells High cheering squad used the field for cheering and maneuvering practice throughout the football season. The splendid and newly uniformed Wells Band practiced marching maneuvers two nights a week from about 6:30 to 9:00 P. M. from the start of the football schedule until the climax on Thanksgiving Day.

## **MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

For the six weeks starting about July 1st to about the middle of August there was an extensive program of maintenance and new construction carried on at Dresser Street Field. Two horse shoe courts were built, a ping pong table was built and made available to boys and girls, three tables of checkers were set up, croquet, volleyball and ring tossing games were available to anyone wanting to play.

The tennis courts were swept and rolled daily, the baseball diamond and little league diamond were maintained at top condition throughout the summer. Repairs to fence and grounds were made at some places. The field houses were painted wherever there were wood surfaces, the shower areas and shower room floors were treated and painted. A bulletin board and a large schedule board, which showed the daily recreation pro-

gram for all recreation areas in the Town was built and displayed daily on one of the field houses where it could be seen from the street. The showers were available to everyone who wanted them with hot water throughout the summer.

The field was opened about 8:00 A. M. every morning and closed about 9:00 P. M. every night. Many boys and girls spent the entire summer on Dresser St. Field this year.

## **REPORT OF THE SWIMMING POOL SUB-COMMITTEE**

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

This is the fourth annual report.

### **Attendance**

From June 23 to August 30, a total of 24,550 persons used the pool's facilities; 3,150 June, 12, 400 July, 8,898 August. Average daily attendance—361. This figure is the largest ever recorded since the pool's opening to the public.

### **Rescues**

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the absolute necessity for appointing competent, efficient, and responsible lifeguards to supervise water activities. Eight children suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion, and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards. Many of these cases could have become fatal had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

### **Instruction**

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Miss Helen Boucher, offered over 200 children the opportunity for instruction in swimming and life-saving during regular morning classes at the pool. Such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

### **Playground "Water Day"**

August 9, Southbridge playgrounds, under the direction of Lewis Kyrios, held their annual "Water Day". This event was held in the morning in order to permit other bathers to use the pool during regular hours. The enthusiasm with which children and parents responded to this event definitely emphasizes the role of the swimming pool in fulfilling a very important recreational need.

### **Health Care**

In order to provide safe water for bathers, two methods of control over bacterial growth were used: continuous flow of water from the second reservoir and chlorination. When these

two methods are scientifically manipulated, any existing fear of pollution may be dispelled.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the fine cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It is always a pleasure to work with men who are so deeply interested in promoting better recreational facilities for our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD A. DESROCHES,  
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

### **REPORT OF ALUMNI FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

To the Chairman of Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was put into shape for Baseball early in the season and throughout the spring, summer and fall the field was used by various groups.

The field was used for the school program of physical education under supervision of Lewis Kyrios every day school was in session from early spring until the schools closed for the summer.

The Parochial Schools held their practice sessions and regular games here throughout the summer.

During the playground season children attending the playground program played many of their games on the field.

The Del Gracia Society used it for their annual field day and the annual Lions Club Horse Show for the benefit of the school milk fund was held here. For affairs such as the last two, the baseball diamond was always roped off for the protection of the playing area.

The field was used by Mr. Kyrios for football practice and games during a grade school football tournament that lasted until about Nov. 16th.

On Oct. 30 a Hallowe'en Parade starting at the Strand Theatre with many children being led by Police escort and accompanied by firemen and fire apparatus marched to Alumni Field mid flares, sirens and band music. There all attended a talent variety show, fire works and an exciting bonfire. This program was attended by hundreds of people and most agreed it was a splendid Hallowe'en program. It was conducted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Southbridge Police Department with Chief Ovide Desrosiers as General Chairman.

It became necessary to layout a soft ball diamond well in the outfield to take care of teams that wanted to play and who could not use Henry St. because of an almost full schedule there. This was done and the area was used extensively by semi-organized industrial teams and by unorganized commu-

nity "pick-up" teams. While this program was being carried on there was a program of maintenance and improvement going on also.

The baseball diamond was repaired in July. Thirty-eight cubic yards of good loam was used to build up the base paths from 1st to 3rd base to insure a better and safer playing area.

Three hundred feet of old wooden fence was blown down and had to be cleaned up and taken away as it became a detriment to safety for children in the neighborhood. Players benches were built and installed for the summer, the bubbler location was changed and it was in working condition at all times during the summer, the tool shed was the recipient of the first coat of paint in 10, these many years.

Throughout the summer the grass was cut, the base paths trimmed and foul lines and gridiron lines were limed whenever necessary. Alumni Field had an expert landscaper for its chairman this year, and it looked it.

Respectfully submitted,  
HERMAN E. STAVES, Chairman  
A. RAYMOND DARTT,  
JOHN McCANN,  
Alumni Field Committee.

## REPORT OF HENRY STREET SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

There was a great deal of work done at Henry Street Field early in the spring. Brush was cut, trees removed and the entire field was scraped to get it level. Clay and gravel were brought in, spread and rolled. A great deal of work remains to be done at this field before it will be a first class field.

The field was used this year for soft ball exclusively.

The Community Soft Ball League made up of five teams played a twenty game schedule at this field this year. There were some all star post season games played also. There were many "pick-up" games at the field affording recreation to the children of that section of the Town. This field and area has great recreational potentialities.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS MONACO, Chairman,  
LOUIS BRUNNELL,  
FRANCIS ASHE,  
Henry Street Field Committee.

The Southbridge Recreation Committee wishes to thank the following people and organizations for the help they rendered in carrying out our extensive program.

The Southbridge Police Department, the Fire Department, School Department, and the splendid cooperation of the Highway Department and its road superintendent Louis Dionne, Earl Davis, the Little League Officers, umpires and personnel, the minor league officers, umpires and helpers, the Southbridge Musicians Union, Charles Normandin and Ovide Desrosiers of the magnificent American Optical Company.

The Red Cross instructor at the Swimming Pool, Mrs. Howard Boal, and Helen Boucher, and the life guards and attendants.

The maintenance men for their honesty and that "little extra" they gave when assigned to work.

To have a big job to do and encounter this kind of willing, earnest cooperation is indeed refreshing.

Recommendations by the Recreation Committee to be considered for future development which are not provided for in any account at this time.

1. Extensive development of Henry St. into a playground area and winter sports area.

Note: (The development of the field itself is in an account now. Annually about \$3,500.00 is provided for this phase of the project.)

2. More area at Dresser St. Field for the expansion of Little League and Soft Ball activity. This requires the purchase of additional land which is for sale now.

3. The building of better approaches to the swimming pool. Travelling the road to the pool now could be called an adventure.

4. Development of a good soft ball area at Alumni Field.

5. That money be provided for an "All Southbridge Play Day" to be held at the end of each summer.

6. That something be done about the drainage problem from Cole Ave., Woodycrest Ave., and the surrounding area. The water from this area now drains onto Dresser St. Field.

7. That money be provided for the fencing of the water at second reservoir and repairing the wall. There exists here a dangerous situation, this wall could break and cause much damage to our swimming pool and the private property below it.

# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for Southbridge from December 1, to December 31, 1951.

## Ambulance Department

Commitments per warrants .....		\$	944.00
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	224.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		720.00	\$ 944.00

### Taxes: Levy of 1949

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....	\$	1,073.10	
Tax Title Disclaimed .....		27.44	\$ 1,100.54
Payments to Treasurer .....			1,100.54

### Taxes: Levy of 1950

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....			\$ 38,672.36
Tax Title Disclaimed .....			25.67
Reported in error .....			525.17

\$ 39,223.20

Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	37,789.35	
Abated .....		72.20	
Tax Title .....		71.72	
Outstanding Dec. 31 .....		1,289.93	\$ 39,223.20

### Taxes: Levy of 1951

Commitments from Assessors .....			\$ 932,164.63
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	888,973.52	
Abated .....		9,430.33	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		33,999.93	

\$ 932,403.78

Refunds paid .....	\$	239.15	\$ 932,164.63
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### Excise Taxes: Levy of 1949

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....			\$ 140.49
Abated .....			\$ 140.49

### Excise Taxes: Levy of 1950

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....			\$ 5,865.90
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Warrants from Assessors .....			343.22
Paid after Abatements .....			50.53
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		\$	6,259.65
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	5,053.93	
Abated .....		1,588.25	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		19.66	
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	\$	6,661.84	
Refunds paid .....	\$	402.19	\$ 6,259.65
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1951 .....			\$ 114,395.67
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	106,714.69	
Abated .....		6,134.05	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		3,451.41	
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	\$	116,300.15	
Refunds paid .....	\$	1,904.48	\$ 114,395.67
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1950 .....			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....			\$ 608.62
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	408.52	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		200.10	\$ 608.62
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Sewer Assessments Int: Levy of 1950 .....			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 .....			\$ 34.48
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	21.98	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		12.50	34.48
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1951 .....			\$ 2,982.10
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$	1,790.46	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		1,191.64	\$ 2,982.10
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Sewer Assessments Int: Levy of 1951 .....			\$ 1,113.67
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$•	108.68	
Abated .....		953.26	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 .....		51.73	\$ 1,113.67
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Special Sidewalk: Levy of 1951 .....			\$ 387.73
Payment to Treasurer .....			\$ 387.73
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Apportioned Sewer Assessments of 1952 and 1953 .....	\$	68.84
Payments to Treasurer .....		68.84

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Interest and Costs on Taxes  
and Assessments:

Taxes of 1949 .....	\$	124.60
Costs of sale .....		10.95
Taxes of 1950 .....		730.26
Costs of sale .....		23.78
Demands .....		1.05
Excise Tax Interest .....		7.45
Taxes of 1951 .....		
Personal Interest .....		1.89
Real Estate .....		79.14
Costs of sale .....		20.60
Added Sewer Interest .....		55.47

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	\$	1,055.19
Grand Total Collected in 1951 .....		\$1,043,085.72

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials  
for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MEDERIC DUHAMEL,  
Tax Collector.

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 P. M. throughout the year.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, and Disability Assistance, another category of assistance was added on November 1, 1951.

## GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by local Boards of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

### CASELOAD

	Cases	Persons		Cases	Persons
January .....	54	141	July .....	60	172
February .....	55	140	August .....	59	164
March .....	56	171	September .....	58	150
April .....	50	165	October .....	58	165
May .....	46	136	November .....	65	164
June .....	49	132	December .....	60	156

### EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

General Relief Cost .....		\$40,714.14
State Reimbursement .....	\$5,750.10	
Cities and Towns .....	1,622.81	
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Total Reimbursements .....	\$7,373.91	7,373.91
Net Cost to Town .....		33,341.23
Net Cost to Town Monthly .....		2,778.48
Net Cost to Town Monthly per Person .....		17.92

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either his father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program cities and towns receive State and Federal Reimbursements.

### CASELOAD

	Cases	Mothers & Child.		Cases	Mothers & Child.
January .....	26	80	July .....	23	69
February .....	24	76	August .....	26	84

March .....	25	76	September .....	28	87
April .....	24	76	October .....	28	89
May .....	22	68	November .....	29	85
June .....	23	70	December .....	27	86

### EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Total Cost .....			\$34,652.32
State Reimbursements .....	\$11,407.53		
Federal Reimbursements .....	13,129.85		
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Total Reimbursements .....	\$24,537.38		24,537.38
Net Cost to Town .....			10,114.94
Net Cost to Town Monthly .....			842.91
Net Cost to Town Monthly per Person .....			10.66

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of Public Assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and a citizen of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program cities and towns receive State and Federal Reimbursements.

### CASELOAD

January .....	319	July .....	313
February .....	317	August .....	311
March .....	310	September .....	312
April .....	314	October .....	313
May .....	315	November .....	314
June .....	316	December .....	313

### EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Total Cost .....			\$210,862.46
Federal Reimbursements .....	\$106,367.42		
State Reimbursements .....	72,970.32		
Cities & Towns Reimbursements .....	1,753.48		
Meal Tax .....	3,771.62		
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Total Reimbursements .....	\$194,862.84		194,862.84
Net Cost to Town per Year .....			15,999.62
Net Cost to Town Monthly .....			1,333.30
Net Cost to Town Monthly per Case .....			4.20

### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established by Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be 18 years of age or

over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements. This program became effective November 1, 1951.

Cost (November and December, 1951) .....	\$989.70
Number of cases December 31, 1951 .....	13
Number of cases pending December 31, 1951 .....	3

### INFIRMARY

We have averaged 17 inmates a month, through the year, at a cost of \$9.70 a week per inmate.

Ten transients have been sent to the Infirmary, for periods of four days to two weeks, by the court and the clergy.

This year, most of the roofs, eaves and gutters were checked and repaired, the balance has to be done during the year 1952. Three ceilings were re-plastered. New flooring was purchased for the kitchen and pantry.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, all organizations and interested citizens, for Christmas stockings, wreaths, candies, fruit, favors, moving pictures, carol singing, or those who in any way helped to bring happiness to the men and women at the Infirmary.

The Infirmary is under the capable direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling.

The Board of Public Welfare wishes to express their sincerest thanks to the Cub Pack 135, the Y Auxiliary, the Mothers' Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Leonide Lemire Post, the Southbridge Women's Democratic Club, and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations at Christmas. These donations brought happiness to one hundred and twenty-five needy children.

We also wish to express our thanks to the various other organizations, who helped throughout the year to provide extras to the needy children of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## TRUSTEES

### For the Edwards Bequest

W. Wesley Crawford  
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards  
John O. Martin

### For the Town

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward P. Sheehan

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Open 1952:

Monday to Friday—10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.  
Saturday —10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

### Closed 1952:

January 1 .....	New Year's Day
February 22 .....	Washington's Birthday
May 30 .....	Memorial Day
July 4 .....	Independence Day
September 1 .....	Labor Day
October 13 .....	Columbus Day
November 11 .....	Armistice Day
November 20 .....	Thanksgiving Day
December 25 .....	Christmas Day

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The year has noted a decline in circulation, particularly in adult fiction, partly attributable to the novelty of television sets, and partly to the increased tempo of war work with many factories returning to the swing shift system. These two factors have affected the circulation of books in most of the libraries of the country, not alone in Southbridge.

The resignation of the head librarian in December, 1950, left the library with this position unfilled for eight months. During the interval the reference librarian, Mrs. Hilda Heather, directed the affairs of the library. With the excellent cooperation of the remaining staff, she was able to carry on the policies of the library in a most commendable manner.

On September 10, 1951, Miss Marguerite Barrett, a graduate of the School of Library Science of the University of Denver, assumed the duties of head librarian. Miss Claire LaForce, children's librarian for the past two years, resigned on October 1, 1951, to accept employment at the Springfield Public Library. Mrs. Mary Hazelton of Southbridge is now the children's librarian.

The Library Club was a very popular summer activity for the children of Southbridge. Weekly meetings were held with the children's librarian to discuss new books and hear the story-hour program.

During Book Week, November 11th to 17th, all elementary schools were visited by the head librarian and the children's librarian. Book Week posters were distributed for display in the schools and also to some of the Main Street stores. Reading certificates were given to all children who were members of the summer library club.

Book Week activities brought to the library an increased number of applications and a renewed interest in good reading. At the library itself about a hundred new children's books were arranged in an attractive display so that the teachers and parents as well as the children might have an opportunity to see the fall and winter books before they went into active circulation. A doll collection of quaint little figures dressed in foreign costumes by Mrs. Olivette Proulx was a center of interest.

In 1951, the library borrowed ninety-three volumes for its patrons from other libraries in Massachusetts. The majority of books asked for on Inter-Library loan are needed for educational or vocational purposes. Usually these requests are for books on a highly specialized subject, or books that the library does not feel justified in purchasing because of the probable slight demand. The patrons requesting such material assume the responsibility of carriage charges. The lack of a union catalog in New England shows this service very considerably.

An inventory of the children's book collection made during the summer revealed few book losses. A partial survey of the book stock was made during the fall with a view to discarding out-of-date books that no longer circulate. The shabbiest books were removed to be mended or rebound and the books that could have no further usefulness were discarded.

Often the public does not stop to realize the service which is required before books are ready for use. A great deal of time must be spent in selecting the books most useful to the community from the mass of new publications. These books must be ordered from publishers or jobbers, checked with the invoices, classified and cataloged. Complete records must be made so that the location of each book purchased for the library may be ascertained immediately. And much of the same process must be gone through in reverse when a book is discarded.

A small portable phonograph with a collection of children's records proved a popular innovation. At present these records are available for lending to teachers and parents, and it is hoped to acquire through the coming year a sufficient number of records that a record-lending library for general use may be built up.

The eighty-two periodicals and eight daily newspapers for which the library subscribes are in much use. Even our unbound collection of magazines has been very useful, as many current questions can be answered satisfactorily with magazine articles. Our vertical file continues to expand. Some government documents are purchased for this pamphlet collection, but much of it consists of free and unsolicited material of ephemeral value.

The children's department has a collection of about fourteen hundred mounted pictures illustrative of travel, customs, industries, and other subjects that correlate with the school curriculum. Many adults, too, find these pictures helpful in art and advertising work.

From time to time the library receives gifts of books, ranging from single volumes to collections of twenty or more, sometimes in unbroken sets. Such gifts vary in usefulness to the library, and we must maintain our policy of keeping or disposing of them in accordance with the best interests of the library. However, we appreciate at all times the good-will and generosity of the citizens, which prompts such gifts.

The Rental collection is maintained in order to accommodate our patrons who want a good collection of new books of the "light" or popular type. As soon as the book has paid for itself or has remained in the rental collection for six months, it is transferred to the regular collection. Fees taken in from rental books in 1951 amounted to about twenty dollars a month.

Four hundred and seventy-two persons were registered as new borrowers during 1951, sixty-nine of whom lived outside of the town limits and are classed as non-resident borrowers. For a fee of one dollar a year, these non-resident patrons share the same library privileges as the residents of Southbridge.

It is interesting to note an increase in the number of science books circulated during the year. Perhaps this, as well as the increased circulation of current magazines, is a reflection of the war-time tempo of production. The following chart shows comparative circulation figures for 1950 and 1951:

	1950	1951
General Works .....	177	205
Philosophy .....	570	496
Religion .....	609	425
Sociology .....	1,207	1,010
Language .....	225	184
Science .....	569	590
Useful Arts .....	2,257	2,068
Fine Arts .....	2,229	2,013
Literature .....	1,800	1,716
History .....	1,147	1,107
Travel .....	1,524	1,480

Biography .....	2,804	2,339
Total Adult Nonfiction .....	18,323	17,057
Adult Fiction .....	39,948	34,725
Current Periodicals .....	3,127	3,225
Pamphlets .....	141	136
Foreign Books .....	499	393
Total Adult Circulation .....	58,770	52,175
Children's Books and Magazines .....	31,030	29,396
Pictures .....	41	101
GRAND TOTAL .....	89,846	81,672

These circulation figures show a yearly circulation of about five books per capita, a figure that approximates the national average. About twice as much fiction circulates as nonfiction, but the nonfiction books have a much heavier reading use within the walls. Biography continues to be a favorite form of nonfiction reading. Draft age youths are taking increasing interest in books about the last war, and possible causes and results of a future major conflict.

These figures indicate the variety of reading and information needs met by your library. But borrowers alone do not measure the library's usefulness. Registered and nonregistered inquirers stream daily to the library, or telephone for information, asking for help in innumerable ways. The Reference Department supplies information on every conceivable subject through the use of books, magazines, and pamphlets, usually from our own collection, but occasionally borrowing from the resources of the State Library or neighboring libraries.

It was most gratifying to note during school visitations that some of our elementary schools report almost one hundred per cent of their children are library-card holders and library users. It is hoped that during the coming year all our school children in all schools will become as enthusiastic library users. The library is grateful for the cooperation we have received from principals and teachers. Teachers are encouraged to take twenty books at a time for a six-week period to use as a classroom collection, especially in those schools that are not within convenient walking distance to the library.

Everywhere libraries are endeavoring to increase their share of participation in the widespread movement which has come to be called "adult education." The Great Books discussion groups have had a prominent role in this movement, and the Southbridge library is planning to begin its first group early in 1952.

The two most pressing needs of the library are for a new lighting system and an addition to the building to house a sep-

arate juvenile department. The present lighting system is far behind modern standards of scientific library lighting. The present children's section is so overcrowded that the children must hunt for stools before they can read the titles on the upper shelves. A new addition to the building would enable us to reserve the adult reading room for adults and turn the old children's section over to the students. The increased shelf room would enable us to bring up the Biography and History books from the lower stack levels to the main floor where people could have easy access to them.

The library acknowledges with thanks the free space and publicity given to the library and to book news by the SOUTH-BRIDGE EVENING NEWS.

To the Library Board, we wish to extend our thanks for another year of excellent teamwork and spirit of public service.

**Statistical Record**

**Library—Jacob Edwards Memorial Library**

Date of founding .....	1871	
Population served .....	17,561	
Days open during year .....	304	
Hours open each week .....	63	
Number of volumes January 1, 1951 .....	34,471	
Number of volumes added .....	1,280	
New .....	1,266	} Including 257 books by gift and transfer from rental collection
Replaced .....	14	
	1,280	
Number of volumes discarded and lost .....	288	
Number of volumes December 31, 1951 .....	35,463	
Number of registered borrowers .....	5,947	
Number of volumes lent for home use .....	81,672	
Largest circulation for one day (January 2) .....	471	
Smallest circulation for one day (December 24) .....	145	
Average circulation per day .....	250	

**Library Staff**

Librarian .....	Marguerite Barrett
Reference Librarian .....	Hilda Heather
General Assistant .....	Gladys Hobson
Children's Librarian .....	Mary Hazelton
Janitor .....	Romualdo DiBonaventura

**Part Time Staff**

Alice Bradley	Viola Michael
Carol Fitzpatrick	Aurora Miller
Elizabeth Guignard	Helen Rowley
Phyllis Horne	Barbara St. Martin

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE BARRETT,  
Librarian.

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### 1951 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES 1952 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Item	1951		1952 Budget
	Receipts	Expenditures	
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c .....	\$16,474.00		
Special (Equipment) .....	1,000.00		
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Transfer from Trust Funds .....	\$17,474.00		
	32.42		
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Less Refund to E. & D. a/c .....	\$17,506.42		
	130.46		
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Transfer to Special Appropriation .....	\$17,375.96		
	98.37		
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	\$17,277.59		
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Special Appropriation Reserve			
January 1, 1951 .....	\$4,000.00		
1951 Addition .....	1,000.00		
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	\$5,000.00		
1951 Disbursements .....	901.63		
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### Mynott Fund

Balance January 1, 1951 .....	\$	13.23
Receipts, 1951 .....		25.00

Disbursements .....	\$	38.23
		17.27

### Trustee Funds

Balance, January 1, 1951 .....		690.45
Receipts		
Edwards Trusts .....		6,873.00
Bradford Trusts .....		121.70
Interest Special Reserve .....		264.58
Trans. from Petty Cash .....		1.45

Trans. to Town .....	\$	7,951.18
		32.42

Trans. to Reserve Fund .....	\$	7,918.76
		4,000.00

Operating Balance .....	\$	3,918.76
		1,566.18

	\$	2,352.58
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	\$	19,647.44
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## EXPENDITURES

### Payroll

101	Librarian .....
102	Assistant or acting librarian .....
103	Regular employees .....
104	Part-time employees .....

\$10,828.95

\$13,070.00

### Building Operation Expenses

150	Payroll — Janitor .....
151	Payroll — Janitor's helpers .....
301	Fuel .....
302	Light .....
303	Water .....
304	Supplies .....
305	Removal ashes, etc. ....
306	Miscellaneous expenses .....

\$ 3,984.90

\$ 4,370.00

### Miscellaneous Operating Expenses

401	Telephone, stationery .....
402	and postage .....
403	Desk and office supplies .....
404	Audit .....
407	Miscellaneous .....
351	Building Maintenance .....
352	Grounds Maintenance .....

\$ 509.54

\$ 500.00

\$ 1,315.42

\$ 1,087.02

228.40

\$ 1,315.42

<b>Books and Periodicals</b>	
201 Books .....	2,349.55
202 Periodicals .....	370.70
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	\$ 2,720.25
<b>Book Repairs .....</b>	
250	
500 } <b>Equipment, Furniture and</b>	
501 } <b>Furnishings .....</b>	
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<b>Special appropriation for</b>	
<b>Building Repairs and Improvements</b>	

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	\$ 2,720.25		\$ 3,500.00
	74.96		150.00
	213.42		400.00
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	\$19,647.44		\$22,440.00
			1,000.00
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			\$23,440.00

	1951		1951		1952	
	Budget	%	Appropriations	%	Expenditures	%
Town—Normal Basis	\$16,850.00		\$16,474.00		\$16,974.00	72.4
Town—Special fund	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	4.3
Town—Credit to E. & D. a/c					130.46	
	\$17,850.00	78.1	\$17,474.00	77.8	\$17,375.63	88.4
Trustee Funds						
Edwards	5,000.00	21.9	5,000.00	22.2	2,352.58	12.0
Trans. to Town a/c					*32.42	.2
Mynott Funds					17.27	.1
	\$22,850.00	100.0	\$22,474.00	100.0	\$19,777.90	100.7
					130.46	.7
Return to E. & D. a/c						
	\$22,850.00	100.0	\$22,474.00	100.0	\$19,647.44	100.0
					\$23,440.00	100.0

If the amount collected by the library and turned in to the Town Treasurer (\$1,215.43) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1951 \$(16,029.74) is 81.6% of the cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1952 of \$5,466.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 76.7% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 75.2% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but it was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

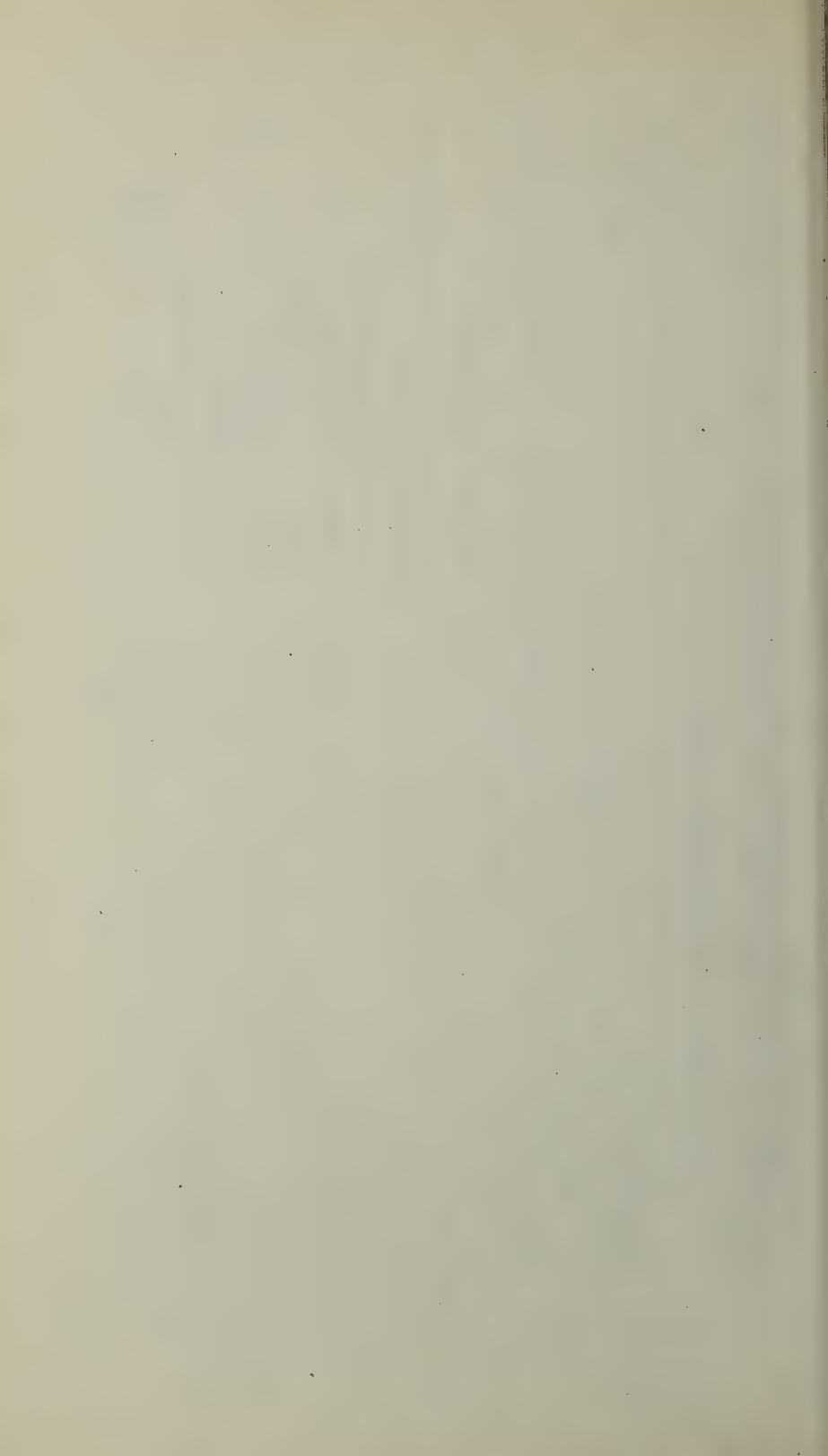
Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

\*Transfer of Trust Funds to Town Account.

(A) Special appropriation of \$5,000.00 to cover building repairs and renovations was requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by the Town over a period of five years at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year. Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942 through 1946 but was granted for the year of 1947 through 1951.

To date only \$901.63 of this special appropriation has been spent. However, the cost of necessary repairs to the building and improvement of the lighting facilities now contemplated will exceed the remaining balance of the appropriation.

Approved by Trustees,  
The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.  
NERIO W. PIOPPi,  
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD,  
JACOB K. EDWARDS,  
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,  
JOHN O. MARTIN,  
E. D. MITCHELL,  
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN.



THIRTY-SIXTH REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1951  
RECEIPTS — 1951  
GENERAL REVENUE

**Taxes:**

**Current Year:**

Poll .....	\$ 9,988.00	
Personal .....	152,808.34	
Real Estate .....	726,177.34	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	106,714.84	\$ 995,688.52
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**Previous Years:**

Poll .....	28.00	
Personal .....	3,597.79	
Real Estate .....	35,262.12	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	5,053.93	43,941.84
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**From State:**

Business-Corporation Tax .....	100,720.30	
Income Tax .....	55,148.74	
School Aid According to Chapter 70 .....	83,128.97	
Meal Tax—O.A.A. ....	3,771.62	242,769.63
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**Licenses and Permits:**

**Licenses:**

Liquor .....	14,406.00
Hawkers, Peddlars, & Junk .....	192.50
Sunday Store .....	141.00

Common Victuallers & Innholders .....	177.00	
Pool, Billiard & Bowling .....	1,030.00	
Milk & Oleo .....	36.00	
Auto Dealers .....	81.00	
Auctioneers .....	4.00	
Taxis and Drivers .....	132.00	
Firearms .....	80.00	
All Other .....	106.50	16,386.00
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<b>Permits:</b>		
Garage .....	32.50	
Gasoline and Motor Oil .....	22.50	
All Other .....	140.00	195.00
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<b>Fines and Forfeitures:</b>		
Court Fines .....		1,179.00
<b>Grants and Gifts:</b>		
County—Dog Licenses .....		1,815.16
From State:		
Vocational & American Education ..	33,480.73	
Smith-Hughes Fund .....	2,226.64	
George Barden Fund .....	150.00	35,857.37
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<b>Highway Aid:</b>		
State and County—Chapter 90		
Contract #12443—County .....	1,200.00	
Contract #12461—County .....	1,819.41	
Contract #12867—County .....	4,663.41	
Contract #12443—State .....	1,200.00	
Contract #12461—State .....	3,638.80	
Contract #12867—State .....	9,326.84	21,848.46
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<b>Federal Grants and Gifts:</b>		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Salaries and Administration .....	968.59	
Expense .....	13,129.85	
Old Age Assistance:		
Salaries and Administration .....	5,408.08	
Expense .....	106,367.42	125,873.94
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<b>Gifts from Individuals:</b>		
Jacob Edwards Memorial Trustees		32.42

**All Other Revenue:**

Tax Title Sales .....	218.00	
Redemption of Deed .....	13.00	
Tax Title Redeemed .....	24.40	
Tax Demands .....	1.05	
Advertising Costs .....	43.33	299.78

Total General Revenue .....		1,485,887.12
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**Commercial Revenue****Departmental:****General Government:**

Selectmen .....	\$ 2,382.16	
Town Hall .....	129.55	\$ 2,511.71

**Protection of Persons & Property:****Police:**

Station Rental .....	1,327.05	
All Other .....	411.25	1,738.30

**Fire:**

Sale of Old Materials .....	63.85	
All Other .....	24.50	88.35

**Sealer of Weights and Measures:**

Sealing Fees .....	733.90	
Ambulance Fees .....	2,142.50	7,214.76

**Health and Sanitation:**

Tuberculosis .....	1,325.70	
All Other .....	133.29	1,458.99

**Highways:**

Equipment Rental .....	426.50	
Sale of Material .....	.75	
All Other .....	77.50	504.75

**Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits:****Temporary Aid:**

From State .....	5,750.10	
From Cities & Towns .....	1,622.81	
From Individuals .....	30.00	7,402.91

**Aid to Dependent Children:**

From State .....	11,407.53		
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**Old Age Assistance:**

From State .....	72,970.32		
From Cities & Towns .....	1,072.60	74,042.92	

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**Infirmary:**

Reimbursements .....		345.00	
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**Veterans Benefits:**

From State .....	11,518.84		104,717.20
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**Schools and Libraries:**

Tuition — School .....	36,718.11		
Sale of Goods — School .....	5.20		
All Other — School .....	25.00		
Fines & Sales, Library .....	1,099.13	37,847.44	37,847.44

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**Unclassified:**

Parking Meter Receipts .....	819.93		
Sales of Real Estate .....	1,000.00		
Rental of Depot .....	50.00	1,869.93	1,869.93

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Total Departmental Revenue .....			\$ 153,613.07
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**Cemetery:****Oak Ridge Cemetery:**

Sale of Lots .....			
and Graves .....	1,293.00		
Graves Opened .....	925.00		
Sale of Materials .....	3.85		
Foundations Installed .....	8.00	2,229.85	2,229.85

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**Special Assessments:**

Sewers Unapportioned ..	609.20		
Sewers Added to Taxes ..	2,198.98		
Sewers Apportioned .....	68.84		
Sidewalks—Unapportioned ..	387.73	3,264.75	3,264.75

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**Interest:**

On Deferred Taxes ....	1,013.38		
On Spec. Assessments	186.93		
On Tax Title			
Redeemed .....	2.17		
On Motor Vehicle			
Excise .....	6.09		
On Trust and Invest- ment Funds:			
Ella M. Cole Fund .....	68.75		
Mabel Murphy Fund ..	50.00		
Mary Mynott Fund ....	25.00		
Adah Stedman Fund	25.00		
Cemetery Funds .....	2,225.45	2,394.20	3,602.77

**Indebtedness:**

Anticipation of Revenue .....	250,000.00		
Anticipation of Highway Aid .....	2,400.00	252,400.00	252,400.00

**Agency, Trust & Investment:****Agency:**

Insurance Loss			
Reimbursement .....	926.53		
Dog Licenses—			
Due County .....	2,069.00		
Fed. Withhold. Tax .....	70,831.88		
Blue Cross .....	4,598.60		
Deposit on Plans and Bids .....	1,475.00		
Certified Check in Lieu of Bond — No. Wood- stock Rd. Drain .....	1,288.00		
School Lunch Program	9,901.55		
School Athletic Fund ..	6,971.60	98,062.16	

**Trust and Investment:**

Perpetual Care .....	1,200.00		
Investment .....	3,375.00	4,575.00	102,637.16

# Refunds:

O. A. A. Federal			
Grant Expense .....	606.45		
O. A. A. Town Approp.			
Expense .....	556.20		
A. D. C. Federal			
Grant Expense .....	139.30		
Gen. Relief Expense ..	209.29		
Vet. Benefits Expense ..	561.01		
Treasurer's Expense ..	1.47		
Elec. & Registration—			
Election Expense ....	9.00		
School Athl. Fund .....	250.00		
School Expense .....	2.16		
Henry St. Field—			
Salaries .....	4.00		
Henry St. Field—			
Expense .....	3.00		
Road Mach. Maint. ....	33.90		
Dresser St. Field—			
Maint. & Improv. ....	1.75		
Excise Tax .....	1.75		
Selectmen Expense ....	20.00		
Sewer Expense .....	64.95		
School Lunch Program ..	2.21		
Highway Expense .....	10.00		
Tax Collector Expense ..	8.70		
Ins. (Rate Reduction) ..	85.82		
Telephone Refunds ....	148.86		
Refunds — Tel. Calls ..	5.53	2,725.35	2,725.35

Total Revenue for 1951 .....	\$2,006,360.07
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Cash on Hand, January 1, 1951 .....	389,316.20
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\$2,395,676.27
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**EXPENDITURES — 1951**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Moderator:**

Salary ..... 60.00

**Expense:**

Stationery ..... 15.00      75.00      75.00

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Finance Committee ..... 63.00

**Selectmen:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Chairman ..... 549.02

2 Members ..... 900.00

Clerical Services ..... 2,383.68      3,832.70

**Other Expenses:**

Stationery & Postage ..... 170.59

Printing

& Advertising ..... 200.97

Travel ..... 3.75

Telephone ..... 108.97

Equipment

& Maintenance ..... 183.50

All Other ..... 200.70      868.48      4,701.18

**Accountant:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant ..... 2,999.88

Clerk ..... 1,560.00

Extra Clerical

Services ..... 250.50      4,810.38

**Other Expenses:**

Supplies, Stationery,

Postage ..... 91.55

Telephone ..... 6.90

Equipment

& Maintenance ..... 325.19

Travel, Dues, & All

Other ..... 70.14      493.78      5,304.16

**Treasurer:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer ..... 2,400.00

Clerk ..... 1,924.00

Extra Clerical Services ..... 212.25      4,536.25

**Other Expense:**

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage .....	212.51		
Printing &			
Advertising .....	190.13		
Equipment			
& Maintenance .....	91.61		
Telephone .....	101.43		
Surety Bond .....	412.51		
Foreclosure Tax			
Titles .....	445.75		
Travel, Dues			
& All Other .....	141.68	1,595.62	6,131.87

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**Tax Collector:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Collector .....	3,000.00		
Clerk .....	1,664.00		
Extra Clerical .....	300.00	4,964.00	

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**Other Expenses:**

Special Collector Fees ....	10.00		
Stationery & Postage ..	640.15		
Printing & Advertising	479.65		
Telephone .....	93.62		
Surety Bond .....	396.75		
Equipment			
& Maintenance .....	498.65		
Travel, Dues,			
& All Other .....	224.57	2,343.39	7,307.39

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**Assessors:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Assessors—2 Members	1,100.00		
Clerk of Board .....	3,300.00		
Clerical Assistance ....	1,664.00	6,064.00	

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Travel .....		271.08	
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**Other Expenses:**

Stationery & Postage ..	656.46
Printing & Advertising	83.79
Telephone .....	81.32
Equipment and	

Maintenance .....	51.53		
Meals .....	34.76		
Dues and All Other ..	25.40	933.26	7,268.34
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#### **Town Collector:**

Clerical Services .....		21.00	
Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....		40.25	61.25
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#### **Law:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Counsel .....		1,532.47	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage ..	20.00		
Printing & Advertising	38.65		
Telephone .....	9.05		
Recording Fees .....	75.50		
Travel, Dues, & All Other .....	72.92	216.12	1,748.59
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#### **Town Clerk:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Clerk .....	1,760.00		
Clerk .....	712.00	2,472.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....	230.76		
Printing & Advertising	64.82		
Telephone .....	162.90		
Surety Bond .....	15.00		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	40.26		
Travel, Dues, & All Other .....	98.03	611.77	3,083.77
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#### **Election & Registration:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Registrars .....		550.00	

**Election Expense:**

Election Officers .....	1,100.00		
Clerical Services .....	1,110.13		
Supplies, Stationery, Postage .....	91.27		
Printing & Advertising .....	645.75		
Meals .....	261.05	3,208.20	

**Re-Listing Expense:**

Clerical Services .....	493.26		
Assistant Registrars ..	837.27		
Supplies & Postage ....	10.90		
Printing .....	882.12		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	9.00		
Auto & Taxi .....	23.15		
Advertising .....	5.63	2,261.33	6,019.53

**Engineering:****Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer .....	4,000.00		
Assistant Engineer ....	3,360.00		
Clerks & Helpers .....	5,092.18	12,452.18	

**Office Expense:**

Printing, Supplies, Postage .....	182.80		
Telephone .....	94.22	277.02	

**Field Expense:**

Materials & Supplies ..	235.39		
Mileage & Travel .....	647.91		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	31.50		
All Other .....	7.76	922.56	13,651.76

**Town Hall:****Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor .....	2,727.92		
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**Other Expense:**

Helpers .....	293.77		
Fuel .....	3,156.26		
Light .....	692.19		

Janitor's Supplies.....	205.26		
Repairs .....	353.57		
Telephone .....	38.30		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	59.25		
Water & All Other ...	120.80	4,919.40	7,647.32
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#### Planning Board:

Master Plan .....	250.00		
Official Map .....	216.13		

#### Other Expense:

Office Supplies .....	221.86		
Travel .....	94.80		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	76.08		
All Other .....	105.65	498.39	964.52
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#### Retirement Board

Administration.....	1,090.00	1,090.00
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Total General Government

### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

#### Police Department:

##### Salaries and Wages:

Chief .....	4,487.98		
Patrolmen .....	63,784.00		
Special Police .....	7,409.70		
Lock-Up Keeper .....	2,076.10		
Finger Printing Officers .....	300.00		
Matrons & Guards ...	13.00		
Labor .....	47.20	78,117.98	
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##### Equipment & Maintenance:

Motor Equipment .....	955.31		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc. ....	1,328.39		
Radio Equipment & Maintenance .....	1,072.17		
Equipment for Men ...	340.27		
Additional Equipment	225.38	3,921.52	

### Fuel and Light:

Fuel .....	528.72	
Light .....	378.84	907.56
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### Maintenance of Building and Grounds:

Repairs .....	1,495.15	
Janitors Supplies .....	767.47	
Water and All Other ..	527.94	2,790.56
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### Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	488.53	
Telephone .....	2,635.56	
Equipment & Maintenance .....	489.63	
Photo & Fingerprint Supplies .....	15.44	
Dues and All Other ....	226.42	
Matrons & Guards .....	5.00	
Board & Care—Private Institutions .....	234.00	4,094.58
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### Traffic Control:

Labor .....	5.00	
Materials & Supplies ..	682.97	
Paints, Brushes, Misc. Material .....	2.40	
Street Signs, Beacons ..	637.99	1,328.36
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One Police Cruiser ..... 1,890.50

Painting First District  
Court ..... 1,743.23

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94,794.29

### Fire Department:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Chief .....	4,011.52	
Ass't. Chief, Capt. Lieut. ....	10,769.40	
Permanent Firemen ....	48,837.00	
Call Firemen .....	5,055.00	
Supt. of Alarms .....	350.00	
Clerk of Fire Dept. ....	100.00	69,122.92
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<b>Equipment:</b>			
Repairs—Apparatus ....	538.68		
Hose .....	244.84		
Equipment for Men ....	169.40		
Apparatus Accessories	234.67	1,187.59	
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<b>Maintenance and Repairs:</b>			
Radio Equipment			
& Maintenance .....	215.40		
Gasoline and Oil .....	246.95		
Alarms, Boxes, Etc. ..	496.25		
Shop Equipment			
& Maintenance .....	79.28	1,037.88	
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Hydrant Service .....		18,450.00	
<b>Fuel and Light:</b>			
Fuel .....	1,193.96		
Light .....	330.58	1,524.54	
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<b>Maintenance of Building and Grounds:</b>			
Repairs .....	706.75		
Furniture			
& Furnishings .....	18.38		
Laundry .....	92.21		
Water & Janitor			
Supplies .....	337.90	1,155.24	
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<b>Other Expenses:</b>			
Stationery, Printing,			
Postage .....	63.31		
Telephone .....	463.79		
Office Equipment			
& Maintenance .....	331.25		
Mileage and Travel ....	127.63	985.98	
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Out of State Travel .....		141.25	
<b>New Equipment:</b>			
Advertising .....	8.44		
New Panel Board .....	12,387.87		
2 Fire Alarm Boxes ..	419.60	12,815.91	106,421.31
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<b>Forest Fire:</b>			
<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>			
Warden .....	200.00		
Fighting Fires .....	238.00	438.00	
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**Other Expenses:****Radio Equipment &**

Maintenance .....	161.55		
Repairs, Parts, Gasoline, Oil .....	139.93		
Materials & Supplies .....	88.14		
New Hose .....	190.34		
Food for Men at Fires .....	24.80	604.76	1,042.76

**Ambulance:****Equipment, Maintenance,**

Laundry .....	210.96		
Gasoline, Oil, Auto Maintenance .....	553.15		
Materials & Supplies ..	142.88		
Driver's Expense & Radio Equipment .....	196.55	1,103.54	1,103.54

**Sealer of Weights and Measures:****Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer .....	1,300.00		
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**Other Expenses:**

Office Supplies .....	32.21		
Binding, Printing, Advertising .....	6.88		
Travel .....	300.00		
Equipment and Maint. ..	19.87		
Trailer Repairs .....	5.00		
All Other .....	3.93	367.89	1,667.89

**Dog Officer:****Board and Care of**

Dogs .....	352.80		
Dogs Destroyed .....	144.00	496.80	496.80

**Street Lighting:**

Street Lights .....	17,461.47		
Traffic Lights .....	2.48	17,463.95	17,463.95

**Animal Inspector:****Salaries and Wages:**

Salary .....	124.92		
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<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Mileage and Travel ..	75.00	199.92

### **Building Inspector:**

<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>		
Salary .....	399.96	
<b>Other Expense:</b>		
Materials and Supplies	35.50	
Mileage .....	64.00	99.50
		499.46

### **Wire Inspector:**

<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>		
Salary .....	399.96	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Materials and Supplies	35.00	
Mileage .....	65.00	100.00
		499.96

### **Planting and Trimming of Trees:**

<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>		
Tree Warden .....	302.25	
Labor .....	1,123.06	1,425.31
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Hardware and Tools ..	38.77	
Trees .....	9.00	
Winch Saw and Truck		
Hire .....	349.25	
Labor & Materials		
W. W. Memorial Elm		
Tree .....	164.31	
All Other .....	12.80	574.13
		1,999.44

### **Moth Extermination:**

<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>		
Superintendent .....	27.00	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Truck Hire .....	348.00	
Insecticides .....	22.00	
Hardware & Tools .....	3.00	373.00
		400.00

**Dutch Elm Disease:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent .....	10.50
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**Other Expenses:**

Insecticide .....	2,047.50		
Equipment Hire .....	672.00	2,719.50	2,730.00

Total Protection of Persons & Property .....	229,319.32
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**HEALTH AND SANITATION****Health:****Salaries and Wages:**

Board Members .....	330.00	
Agent .....	550.00	
Board Physician .....	330.00	
Parochial School M. D. ....	769.92	
Podiatrist .....	250.00	
Nurse .....	2,554.01	
Clerk Hire .....	291.53	
Dental Clinic .....	700.00	
Plumbing Inspector ....	2,300.00	
Food Inspector .....	300.00	
Milk Inspector .....	400.00	
Slaughtering Inspector ....	385.00	
Sanitary Inspector .....	440.00	9,600.46

**Travel:**

Agent .....	34.76	
Nurse .....	118.00	
Plumbing Inspector ..	129.03	
Milk Inspector .....	9.08	
Slaughtering Inspector ....	26.50	317.37

Premature Births .....	316.39
Garbage Collection .....	8,998.00

**Other Expenses:**

Dental Clinic .....	85.31		
Laboratory .....	79.88		
Office .....	206.86		
Dues .....	34.50		
School Medical			
Supplies .....	7.36	413.91	

**Vital Statistics:**

Births .....	127.75		
Deaths .....	42.00	169.75	

**Tuberculosis and Contagious Disease:**

Worcester County			
Sanitarium .....	2,602.50		
No. Reading State			
Sanitarium .....	1,018.00		
Miscellaneous Ex-			
penses .....	49.61	3,670.11	23,485.99

**Sewer:****Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners .....	450.00		
Caretaker .....	2,597.60		
Labor .....	64.30	3,111.90	

**Administrative Expenses:**

Stationery, Printing,			
Postage .....	4.00		
Telephone and All			
Other .....	130.17	134.17	

**General Expenses:**

Insurance, Registration,			
and Repairs on			
Truck .....	362.64		
Tools and Equipment	192.81		
Gasoline and Oil .....	180.95		
Materials and			
Supplies .....	7.70		

Repair—Sewer Lines	5.25		
Manholes .....	20.00		
Equipment and Maintenance .....	3.05		
Repairs .....	537.92		
Fuel and Light .....	12.00		
Advertising .....	15.63	1,337.95	4,584.02
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Total Health and Sanitation .....			28,070.01

## HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

### General Administration:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners .....	600.00		
Superintendent .....	3,400.00	4,000.00	

#### Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	122.16		
Telephone .....	293.25	415.41	

#### General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk ....	2,671.95		
Labor .....	30,318.53		
Equipment & Repairs	645.37		
Broken Stone, Gravel, and Other Surfacing ..	7,508.41		
Oil for Roads .....	4,160.20		
Other Materials & Supplies .....	1,014.61		
All Other .....	273.46	46,592.53	

#### Automotive Expense:

Registration .....	2.00		
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#### Building and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs .....	139.21		
Fuel, Light, and Water	803.21		
All Other .....	101.01	1,043.43	

### Road Machinery Maintenance:

Equipment Maintenance & Repairs ....	3,946.55	
Gasoline and Oil .....	3,756.40	
Tires & Tubes .....	963.04	
All Other .....	343.09	9,009.08

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### New Road Machinery:

Advertising .....	33.75	
Front Frame for Dodge Truck .....	144.40	
Dodge Truck and Accessories .....	3,505.70	
Elgin Sweeper Model 81 .....	9,935.00	
Paint Conveyer at Town Barn .....	368.00	
3 Sand & Cinder Spreaders .....	1,215.00	
Final Payment—Sand Bin .....	712.50	15,914.35

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### Other Expenses:

Mobile Radio .....	155.64	
All Other .....	167.98	323.62

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### Town Dump:

Salary .....	1,854.10	
Rodent Extermination .....	495.00	2,349.10

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### Rubbish Collection:

Contract .....	2,706.00	
Advertising .....	6.56	
Highway Labor .....	184.45	2,897.01

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### Snow and Ice:

Timekeeper Clerk .....	404.33	
Labor .....	5,250.53	
Cal. Chlor., Gravel Salt, and Sand .....	3,066.50	
Laborers Meals .....	160.10	
Truck Hire .....	890.12	
County Roads Shovel Rental .....	90.00	9,861.58

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**Chapter 90 Maintenance:  
State and County Aid**

**1951 Contract:**

North Woodstock Road:			
Labor .....	1,069.78		
Materials and			
Supplies .....	89.40	1,159.18	
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Old Woodstock Road:			
Labor .....	80.00	80.00	
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Dudley Road:			
Labor .....	160.00	160.00	
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Hamilton Street:			
Labor .....	100.00	100.00	
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Mechanic Street:			
Labor .....	100.00	100.00	
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Worcester Street:			
Labor .....	472.20		
Materials & Supplies ..	110.25	582.45	
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Eastford Road:			
Labor .....	250.77	250.77	
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Dresser Hill:			
Labor .....	265.00	265.00	
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Brickyard Road:			
Labor .....	20.00	20.00	
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River Street:			
Labor .....	150.00	150.00	
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East Main Street:			
Labor .....	732.60	732.60	3,600.00
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Total Highways, Snow & Ice, Dump, Rubbish, Chap. 90 .....			96,008.11

# CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS

## Public Welfare:

### Salaries and Wages:

Board .....	1,200.00	
Supervisor .....	600.00	
Social Workers .....	412.96	
Clerks .....	536.38	2,749.34

### General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	57.09	
Telephone .....	47.33	
Mileage and Travel ...	169.89	
All Other .....	5.00	279.31

### Other Expenses:

Groceries and Pro- visions .....	6,421.32	
Fuel .....	1,427.30	
Medicine & Medical Services .....	3,622.96	
Hospital Care .....	5,017.78	
Rent .....	1,080.39	
Clothing .....	519.18	
Cash Grants .....	8,907.70	
Board and Care .....	3,223.02	
State Institutions .....	3,829.19	
Private Institutions ...	408.00	
Household Furnishings and Moving .....	76.75	
Burials .....	725.00	
All Other .....	477.58	35,736.17

### Relief By Other

Cities and Towns:		
Cities .....	1,550.40	
Towns .....	2,837.56	4,387.96

### Truck Expense:

Gasoline, Oil, Etc. ....	33.70		
Equipment & Mainte- nance .....	275.00		
Registration .....	2.00	310.70	43,463.48

## Aid to Dependent Children:

### Town Appropriation—

#### Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	299.77	
Social Workers .....	349.88	
Clerks .....	251.42	901.07
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#### Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants .....	24,555.24	25,456.31
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## Aid to Dependent Children:

### Federal Grant—

#### Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	200.00	
Social Workers .....	100.00	300.00
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#### Other Expenses:

Telephone .....	47.30	
Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	222.38	
Mileage and Travel .....	86.69	356.37
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#### Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants .....	10,097.08	10,753.45
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## Old Age Assistance:

### Town Appropriation:

#### Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor .....	2,000.00	
Social Workers .....	2,297.02	
Clerks .....	1,880.82	6,177.84
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Other Expenses:		
Post Office Box Rent	1.50	
Mileage .....	33.90	35.40

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....	113,601.44		
Cities and Towns .....	759.14	114,360.58	120,573.82

## Old Age Assistance:

### Federal Grant—

Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor .....	560.00	
Social Workers .....	1,092.00	
Clerks .....	848.00	2,500.00

Other Expenses:		
Telephone .....	194.57	
Stationery, Supplies, Postage .....	972.46	
Mileage and Travel ..	175.77	
All Other .....	645.74	1,988.54

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....	86,117.36		
Cities and Towns .....	3,235.97	89,353.33	93,841.87

## Child Welfare:

Administration:		
Supervisor Salary .....	10.00	10.00

## Infirmary:

Salaries and Wages:	
Superintendent .....	2,078.64
Other Expenses:	
Groceries and Provi- sions .....	4,794.89

Household Furnishings .....	352.35		
Janitors Supplies-Repairs .....	987.79		
Water, Fuel, and Light .....	1,072.32		
Truck Expense .....	244.94		
Hospital and Medical Care .....	814.22		
Telephone and All Other .....	587.30	8,853.81	10,932.45
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### **Veterans Benefits:**

#### **General Administration:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans Agent .....		1,125.00	

Other Expenses:			
Office Expense and Travel .....		291.05	

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants .....	17,679.79		
Fuel .....	204.65		
Medical .....	1,331.49		
Hospital Care .....	1,292.00		
Food .....	471.61		
Rent, Clothes, Etc. ....	10.48		
Private Institutions ...	1,790.00	22,780.02	24,196.07
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### **Veterans Services:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor .....	1,874.87		
Clerk .....	1,551.13		
Extra Clerical .....	9.00	3,435.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Printing, Supplies, Postage .....	132.33		
Mileage and Travel ...	78.25		
Telephone .....	191.52		
Equipment & Maintenance .....	42.80		
Dues and All Other ...	50.00	494.90	3,929.90
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**Maintenance of Veterans Graves:**

Maintenance of Graves ..	420.00		
Materials and Supplies ..	23.25	443.25	443.25

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**Soldiers Burials:**

Burial .....		150.00	150.00
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**Burial Allowance to Veterans' Organizations:**

Grave Markers & Flowers	39.00		
Transportation .....	20.00	59.00	59.00

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Total Charities and Veterans Benefits .....			333,809.60
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**SCHOOLS****General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

150 Superintendent ....	6,651.08		
156 Supt's. Clerks .....	4,123.56		
157 Extra Clerical .....	615.34		
119 Building Officer ....	333.28	11,723.26	

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**Other Expenses:**

160 Supplies .....	286.06		
180 Printing .....	216.74		
181 Traveling .....	376.10		
181a Auto Expense ....	3.00		
182 Telephone .....	286.25		
182a Postage, Books, Periodicals Etc., .....	329.25		
182b Equipment and Maintenance .....	420.98	1,918.38	13,641.64

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## High School:

### Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal .....	5,300.16	
225 Prin. Clerk .....	2,249.94	
226 Extra Clerical .....	164.05	
240 Teachers .....	83,258.57	
245 Subst. Teachers .....	795.00	91,767.72
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### Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books .....	2,395.13	
270 Supplies .....	3,126.83	
660 Typewriters, Machines, Etc. ....	710.71	6,232.67
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### Other Expenses:

210 Superv. Travel ..	150.41	
235 Printing, Supplies, Postage .....	141.55	
290 Commencement Exp. ....	193.01	484.97
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### Operation of Plant:

#### Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors .....	8,441.45
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#### Other Expenses:

510 Janitors Supplies .....	2,358.76	
520 Fuel .....	2,028.74	
530 Water .....	277.34	
540 Gas & Elec. ....	1,789.25	
565 Telephone .....	213.50	
580 Drayage .....	152.55	6,820.14
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### Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds .....	55.57	
620 Buildings .....	2,326.47	
640 Service Systems ..	1,576.06	
680 Other Expenses ....	217.48	4,175.58
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Build. Alterations and Additions .....	3,370.71		
965 New Furnishings .....	1,656.61		
975 New Equipment ..	513.39		
985 Other Expenses ..	1,100.96	6,641.07	124,563.60
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### Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers .....	156,553.49		
245 Subst. Teachers ..	8,273.92	164,827.41	
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Instruction Expense:			
210 Superv. Travel ....	142.13		
250 Text and Ref- erence Books .....	2,890.52		
270 Supplies .....	5,272.37		
660 Instruct. Equip. ....	89.12		
235 Printing .....	57.05	8,451.19	
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### Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors .....		13,900.34	
Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors Supplies .....	2,636.20		
520 Fuel .....	7,847.10		
530 Water .....	237.55		
540 Gas & Elec. ....	2,553.80		
565 Telephone .....	828.88		
580 Drayage .....	116.50	14,220.03	
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### Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds .....	151.83		
620 Buildings .....	3,390.50		
640 Service Systems ..	1,084.83		
680 Other Expenses ....	988.35	5,615.51	

### Capital Outlay:

965 New Furnishings .....	874.64		
975 New Equipment ..	91.22		
985 Other Expenses ....	627.04		
985a Draw Sashes .....	6.45	1,599.35	208,613.83
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## Elementary Evening School:

### Instruction Salaries:

220 Directors .....	310.00		
240 Teachers .....	780.00	1,090.00	

### Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books .....	4.50		
270 Supplies .....	22.03	26.53	1,116.53

## Household Arts:

### Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers .....		4,864.87	
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### Other Expenses:

210 Superv. Travel .....	38.47		
270 Supplies .....	384.83		
660 Inst. Equipment ..	5.49		
965 New Furnishings ..	30.00		
975 Capital Outlay ....	1,246.94	1,705.73	6,570.60

## High Evening School:

### Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers .....		603.45	
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### Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies .....	22.30	22.30	

### Operation of Plant:

540 Gas & Elec. ....	100.00	100.00	725.75

## Industrial Arts:

### Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers .....		1,011.55	
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### Other Expenses:

270 Supplies .....	99.28		
660 Maintenance .....	198.48	297.76	1,309.31

**Domestic Science:****Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers .....	1,675.27	
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**Instruction Expense:**

270 Supplies .....	83.64	1,758.91
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**Auxiliary Agencies:****Pupils:**

313 Transportation of Pupils .....	17,727.90	
360 Tuition of Other Pupils .....	447.81	18,175.71

**Medical Services:**

402 Physician .....	1,999.96	
404 Nurse .....	3,143.46	5,143.42

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**Other Expenses:**

401 Attendance .....	199.94	
405 Medical Supplies .....	254.70	
405a Misc. Supplies ....	252.63	707.27

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**Visual Aids:**

240 Teacher's Salary ..	800.00	
270 Supplies .....	340.14	
660 Maintenance .....	27.23	
975 New Equipment ....	1.75	1,169.12

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**Cole Trade School:****General Control:****Salaries: \***

220 Director .....	5,100.02	
225 Clerks .....	2,328.69	
226 Extra Clerical ....	2,241.29	9,670.00

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**Expenses:**

235 Printing, Supplies, Postage .....	244.78	
565 Telephone .....	240.29	
210 Superv. Travel ....	84.85	
290 Commence. Exp. ..	84.15	654.07

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**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers .....	53,721.29	
245 Subst. Teachers ....	144.00	53,865.29
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**Instruction Expense:**

250 Text and Reference Books .....	410.01	
270 Supplies .....	2,970.73	
660 Equipment .....	3,200.15	6,580.89
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**Operation of Plant:****Salaries:**

501 Janitors .....		2,599.99
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**Expenses:**

510 Janitor's Supplies .....	397.44	
520 Fuel .....	1,207.00	
530 Water .....	60.75	
540 Gas & Elec. ....	656.30	
580 Drayage .....	147.65	2,469.14
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**Maintenance of Plant:**

601 Grounds .....	102.80	
620 Buildings .....	138.87	
640 Service Systems .....	1,245.94	
680 Other Expenses ....	226.11	1,713.72
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**Capital Outlay:**

930 Alterations and Additions .....	79.52	
963 New Furnishings .....	81.31	
975 Instr. Apparatus .....	3,004.48	
985 Other Expenses ..	166.05	3,331.36
		80,884.46

**Evening Trade Extension:****Instruction Salaries:**

225 Clerk .....	27.50	
240 Teachers .....	997.73	1,025.23
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**Instruction Expense:**

235 Prin. Office		
Supplies .....	25.50	
250 Books .....	5.45	
270 Supplies .....	435.32	
660 Instr. Apparatus	176.21	642.48

**Operation of Plant:**

540 Gas & Elec. ....	50.00	1,717.71
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**Smith Hughes Fund:****Teachers Salaries:**

240 Household Arts ....	201.02		
240 Vocational .....	486.30		
240 Practical Arts .....	1,481.05		
240 Vocat. Evening .....	58.27	2,226.64	2,226.64

**George Barden Fund:****Teachers Salaries:**

240 Evening .....	170.00	170.00
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Total Schools ..... 468,494.50

**LIBRARY****Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:****Salaries and Wages:**

101 Librarian .....	2,670.33	
103 Assistants .....	6,866.89	
150-51 Janitor .....	2,509.14	12,046.36

**Books and Periodicals:**

201 Books .....	1,933.29	
202 Periodicals .....	358.55	2,291.84

**Binding:**

250 Books .....	74.96
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**Fuel and Light:**

301 Fuel .....	728.33	
302 Light .....	426.64	1,154.97

Building:		
350-52 Repairs .....	408.18	
501 Furniture and Furnishings .....	17.08	
303 Water .....	4.96	
304-306 All Other .....	90.32	520.54
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Other Expenses:		
402-03 Stationery, Print- ting, and Advertising .....	217.17	
401 Telephone .....	70.12	287.29
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Alterations and Improv.		901.63
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Total Library .....		17,277.59
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## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

### Recreation:

Parks:		
Labor .....	463.50	
Equipment .....	16.28	
Trees .....	15.00	494.78
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Playgrounds:		
Instruction Salaries ....	2,770.00	
Materials & Supplies .....	795.58	
Labor .....	340.27	3,905.85
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World War I Memorial Park:		
Labor .....	202.00	
Elec. and Water .....	24.04	
Materials & Supplies .....	188.49	
Flowers and Wreaths .....	13.50	428.03
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Honor Roll:		
Electricity .....	46.64	
Maint. & Repairs .....	162.00	
Wreaths & Landscap. ..	64.50	273.14
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# Swimming Pool:

Instruct. Salaries .....	2,499.00	
Labor .....	42.00	
Build. & Grounds .....	76.44	
Materials & Supplies .....	108.24	
Tel., Light, Wat., Fuel .....	71.99	
New Wall—Contract, Trahan .....	2,496.88	5,294.55

# Dresser St. Field:

Caretaker .....	1,150.50	
Labor — Salaries .....	2,730.39	
Labor—Maint. & Impr. ....	893.75	
Telephone .....	104.75	
Materials & Supplies .....	782.29	
Fuel, Light, Water .....	309.18	
Sationery, Supplies, Postage .....	8.09	
Equip. & Maintenance .....	543.67	
Repairs to Field .....	1,197.78	
Trees .....	198.71	
All Other .....	116.47	8,035.58

# Alumni Field:

Labor .....	484.38	
Labor — Exp. Account .....	96.38	
Repairs .....	15.51	
Materials & Supplies .....	188.46	
Equip. & Maintenance .....	174.88	
All Other .....	14.00	973.61

# Henry St. Field:

Labor — Salaries .....	501.70	
Labor — Expense .....	37.50	
Truck Hire .....	363.85	
Equipment .....	29.50	
Materials & Supplies .....	70.56	
New Construction .....	3,494.75	
Level & Fill .....	492.28	4,990.14

# Public Band Concerts:

Concerts .....	393.00		
All Other .....	83.00	476.00	24,871.68

**Unclassified:**

Damage to Pers. & Prop.		655.98	
Memorial Day .....		899.96	
Armistice Day .....		300.00	
Town Report .....		1,484.63	
Town Clock .....		707.67	
Pensions — Non-Contrib.		7,903.08	
Insurance .....		18,624.95	
Water & Ice and All Other		574.80	
Airport Maintenance .....		6.30	
Outstanding Bills			
of 1950:			
Town Clerk .....	26.80		
General Relief .....	71.22		
Veterans' Benefits .....	110.00		
Recreation .....	164.92	372.94	31,530.31
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Total Recreation & Unclassified .....			56,401.99

**CEMETERY****Oak Ridge Cemetery:**

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent .....	594.00		
Labor .....	4,706.14		
Opening Graves .....	320.00	5,620.14	
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Other Expenses:			
Equipment & Repairs	127.67		
Gasoline & Oil .....	66.20		
New Equipment, Ma-			
terials & Supplies ..	477.44		
Fertilizer & Loam .....	217.65		
Light .....	12.00	900.96	
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**Cemetery Improv. Account:**

New Equipment .....	380.90		
Planting & Seeding ....	1.55		
Spraying .....	50.35		
Landscaping .....	51.30		
Lumber .....	37.20		
Loam .....	18.00	539.30	
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**Stone Arch Entrance:**

Advertising .....	18.13	
Tree Removal .....	91.00	
Develop & Print Photos ..	1.12	
Labor .....	33.25	
Duff Bros. — Cont. ....	1,205.00	1,348.50

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Total Cemetery ..... 8,408.90

**SPECIAL ACCOUNTS****E. V. Gillon Dam. Acct.:**

Dam. to Police Car ....		16.50
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**Am. Leg. Kitchen Exit:**

Advertising .....	18.13	
Cont.—F. X. Laliberte ..	647.00	665.13

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**Ash. St. Sew. Purch.:**

Eugene Leduc .....		768.00
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**Belmont St. Grading:**

Labor .....		147.95
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**Central St. Resurfacing:**

Advertising .....	17.50	
Cont.—J. J. Doyle Co. ..	4,713.83	4,731.33

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**Central & Hook Sts.****Sidewalk:**

Labor .....	563.36	
Materials .....	741.39	1,304.75

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**1951 Chap. 90 Const.:****Eastford Road:**

Cont.—Rome Con. Co. ....	18,653.67	
Materials & Supplies ..	595.60	19,249.27

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**1950 Chap. 90 Const.:**

Cont.—F. Shields .....	6,539.26	
Materials & Supplies ..	240.77	6,780.03

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**Charlton St. Drain:**

Labor .....	254.40	
Equipment Rental .....	95.00	
Mason Work .....	101.50	
Materials & Supplies .....	47.61	498.51

**Civil Defense:**

Director's Salary .....	1,725.00	
Office Supplies .....	97.83	
Telephone .....	81.57	
Police Equipment .....	107.76	
All Other .....	4.50	2,016.66

**Cliff St. Bridge:**

Labor .....	1,949.92	
Clerk .....	124.80	
Equipment Hire .....	1,032.25	
Materials & Supplies .....	617.91	3,724.88

**Dennison Drive****Reconstruction:**

Trees .....	199.50	
Grates and Frames .....	195.00	394.50

**Dresser St. Resurfacing:**

Cont.—Dowielewicz Bros.		11,822.43
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**Dresser—Main St. Prop.:**

Labor .....	25.00	
Grass Cutting .....	276.00	
Materials .....	2.50	303.50

**Durfee St. Resurfacing:**

Labor .....	257.45	
Shovel Rental .....	385.75	643.20

**Eastford Rd. School****Sidewalk:**

Labor .....	452.88	
Materials & Supplies .....	567.91	1,020.79

**Fairmount Ave. Drain:**

Labor .....	212.62	
Materials & Supplies ..	359.13	571.75
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**Fiske St. Sewer:**

Cont.—Duff Bros. ....		961.50
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**Green Ave. Gutter****Construction:**

Labor .....	71.20	
Materials & Supplies ..	78.75	149.95
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**Hartwell St. Storm Drain:**

Labor .....	214.63	
Materials & Supplies ..	165.00	379.63
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**Hook & Central Sts. Land  
& Building Purchase:**

Damage Award .....	2.00	
Registered Mail .....	.30	2.30
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**Leonide Lemire Post #6055****V. F. W.:**

Rent .....		900.00
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**Liberty St. Storm Drain:**

Labor .....	516.85	
Equipment Rental .....	79.00	
Catch Basins .....	93.14	688.99
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**Lyons St. Sewer Purchase:**

David Cotton .....		521.30
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**Morris St. Extension:**

Labor .....	4,710.58	
Equipment Rental .....	2,632.50	
Trees .....	98.60	
Materials & Supplies ..	7,184.99	
Gas and Oil .....	196.15	
Advertising .....	5.00	
All Other .....	5.00	14,832.82
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<b>Morris St. Reconstruction:</b>			
Contra — Frank Shields	4,214.78		
Materials .....	161.20	4,375.98	
<b>No. Woodstock Rd. Drain:</b>			
Contract—Ciesla Bros.	1,210.00		
Advertising .....	16.88	1,226.88	
<b>Oliver St. Sidewalk:</b>			
Labor .....	428.53		
Materials & Supplies	760.73		
Cut Tree Roots .....	29.45	1,218.71	
<b>River St. School Re-</b>			
<b>taining Wall:</b>			
Fence and Gate .....	934.00	934.00	
<b>River St. Storm Drain:</b>			
Materials & Supplies	123.48		
Equipment Hire .....	79.00	202.48	
<b>School Fire Alarm Boxes:</b>			
Fire Alarm Boxes .....	816.97		
Installation .....	80.61	897.58	
<b>School Planning Survey:</b>			
Survey Fees .....	2,000.00		
Printing .....	2,691.00	4,691.00	
<b>Strand Theater Rental:</b>			
Town Meeting .....		225.00	
<b>Foster St. Park. Lot Drain:</b>			
Advertising .....		56.25	
<b>Wells High School</b>			
<b>Electric Service Entrance:</b>			
Larochelle Electric Co.		1,900.43	
Total Special Projects .....			88,823.98

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

### Interest:

#### Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Rev.	1,691.58	
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#### General Loans:

School .....	660.00	
Worcester St. Sewer ..	140.00	
South St. Paving .....	120.00	
Hamilton & Main St.		
Paving .....	60.00	
No. District Elemen-		
tary School .....	560.00	1,540.00
		3,231.58

### Municipal Indebtedness:

#### Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Rev.	350,000.00	
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#### General Loans:

School .....	10,000.00	
Worcester St. Sewer ..	7,000.00	
South St. Paving .....	6,000.00	
Hamilton & Main St.		
Paving .....	8,000.00	31,000.00
		381,000.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt .....		384,231.58
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## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

### Agency:

State Auditing Tax .....	1,733.64	
State Exam. of Retire-		
ment System .....	632.09	
State Parks & Reserv.	2,036.38	4,402.11

County Tax .....	45,953.94	
County TB Hosp. Tax ..	25,429.62	71,383.56

Dog Tax Fees Paid		
to County .....	2,069.00	
Wells High School		
Cafeteria .....	9,292.61	

School Athletic Fund ....	6,714.41	
Federal Withhold. Tax ..	62,599.94	
Blue Cross .....	4,594.85	85,270.81

#### Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpet. Care	1,200.00	
Mabel Murphy Fund ....	20.00	
Adah Stedman Fund ....	8.00	
Ella M. Cole Fund .....	29.45	
Mary Mynott Fund .....	17.27	
U. S. War Bonds—		
Post War Rehab.—		
Interest Invested ....	3,375.00	
Pension and Retire. Fund	11,918.00	16,567.72

Total Agencies, Trust and Investment ..	177,624.20
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### REFUNDS

#### Refunds:

Taxes and Demands .....	244.17	
M. V. Excise .....	2,308.42	
Plans and Bids .....	1,440.00	
Ambulance Charges .....	17.50	
Fire Dept.—Acct. Rec. ..	3.00	
Blue Cross .....	3.75	
Veterans' Benefits .....	121.08	
Certified Check in Lieu		
of Bond—No. Woodstock		
Rd. Drain .....	1,288.00	5,425.92

Total Refunds .....	5,425.92
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Total Payments for 1951 .....	1,959,013.38
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1951 .....	436,662.89
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	2,395,676.27
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# BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1951

## ASSETS

Cash ..... \$436,662.89

### Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1950 ..... \$ 1,289.93  
Levy of 1951 ..... 33,888.73

### Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1951 ..... 3,451.26

### Special Assessments:

Sewer Added to  
Taxes — 1951 ..... 1,191.64  
Sewer Added to  
Taxes — 1950 ..... 200.10  
Committed Int. — 1951 ..... 51.73  
Committed Int. — 1950 ..... 12.50

Tax Titles ..... 720.07  
Tax Possessions ..... 2,533.12

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

### Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of  
Highway Aid ..... \$ 2,400.00

### Trust Fund Income:

Mabel Murphy Fund ..... \$ 66.67  
J. J. Angell Fund ..... 31.27  
Alexis Boyer Jr., Fund ..... 11.29  
Ella M. Cole Fund ..... 435.01  
Mary Mynott Fund ..... 20.96  
Adah Stedman Fund ..... 44.06

### Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:

Levy of 1950 ..... 33.97  
Parking Meter Receipts ..... 819.93  
Federal Tax Deductions ..... 8,231.94  
Deposit on Plans and Bids ..... 55.00  
School Athletic Fund ..... 3,212.78  
Federal Lunch Program ..... 611.15  
Sale of Cemetery Lots  
and Graves Fund ..... 2,253.00  
Road Mach. Rental Fund ..... 426.50  
Tailings ..... 206.34  
State Tax ..... 46.00

## ASSETS

### Departmental:

Ambulance .....	2,123.50
Town Hall .....	125.00
Health .....	249.08
Highways .....	1,624.15
Public Welfare .....	109.75
Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,674.19
Old Age Assistance .....	34.42
Veterans' Benefits .....	766.69
Schools .....	2,066.40
Athletic Field .....	158.42
Cemetery .....	283.00
Airport Rental .....	1,000.00
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12,214.60

### Aid to Highways:

State .....	3,873.16
County .....	2,536.59
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6,409.75

### Underestimate—1951:

County TB Hospital Maintenance Tax .....	1861.74
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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

### Overestimates — 1951:

State Parks and Res- ervations Tax .....	458.18
County Tax .....	2,542.97
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3,001.15

### Federal Grants:

Aid to Dep. Children: Administration .....	683.22
Aid .....	6,212.69
Old Age Assistance: Administration .....	4,058.55
Assistance .....	46,075.99
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57,030.45

### Appropriation Balances:

Board of Appeals .....	204.60
By-Laws Revision .....	81.84
Library Alterations and Improvements .....	4,098.37
Airport Maintenance .....	466.88
Damage to Persons and Property .....	1,250.00
Cemetery Improvement .....	1,273.47
Chapter 90 Construction .....	740.98
Civil Defense .....	1,983.34

Cliff St. Bridge .....	475.12
Dennison Drive .....	
Reconstruction .....	4,605.50
Eastford Rd. School .....	
Sidewalk .....	179.21
Elm St. Reconstruction .....	19,000.00
Elm St. Sewer .....	11,000.00
Foster St. Parking .....	
Lot Repairs .....	944.70
Hook & Central Sts. .....	
Land & Building .....	
Purchase .....	23,997.70
Kingsley St. Sidewalk .....	350.00
Liberty St. Sidewalk .....	1,400.00
Morris St. Extension .....	167.18
Morris St. Sidewalk .....	1,200.00
Porch Removal — .....	
Morris St. ....	100.00
Oliver St. Sidewalk .....	181.29
River St. Storm Drain .....	197.52
School Building and Ar- .....	
chitectural Survey .....	20,000.00
Sewage Disposal Plant— .....	
Engineering Services .....	2,605.09
Town Government .....	
Survey .....	171.06
Town Hall Alterations .....	
and Repairs .....	648.30

## ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Foster St. Parking	
Lot Drain .....	3,319.75
West St. School Retaining Wall .....	2,000.00
Westwood Parkway Re- surfacing .....	103.94
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	102,745.84

Sewer Assessment Reserve	14,417.36
Reserve Fund — Over- lay Surplus .....	45,215.09

### Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1950 .....	1,289.93
Levy of 1951 .....	11,782.42
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	13,072.35

### Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise ..	3,417.29
Special Assessment .....	1,455.97
Tax Title and	
Tax Possession .....	3,273.19



# ASSETS

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Due in 1954 .....	9.54
Due in 1955 .....	4.81

79.80

943.84

943.84

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or  
Fixed Debt .....

71,000.00

Street Pavement Loans	6,000.00
Sewer Loans .....	7,000.00
Eastford Rd. and West. St.	
School Loans .....	30,000.00
Northern Dist. Elementary	
School Loan .....	28,000.00

71,000.00

71,000.00

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities .....		Jessie J. Angell Charity Fund .....	1,467.29
	265,253.22	Alexis Boyer Jr. School Fund .....	440.89
		Ella M. Cole Fund for Needy School Children	3,000.00
		Mary Mynott Library Fund .....	1,000.00
		Adah Stedman Cemetery Fund .....	1,000.00
		Mabel Murphy Cemetery Fund .....	2,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	56,235.30
		Cemetery General Care Funds .....	25,000.00
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	175,109.74
	265,253.22		265,253.22

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Acc'ts. to 1952 12/31/51
<b>General Government:</b>							
Moderator—Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00		
Moderator—Expense	15.00	15.00	15.00		15.00		
Finance Committee	100.00	100.00	63.00		63.00	37.00	
Selectmen—Salaries	3,834.00	3,834.00	3,832.70		3,832.70	1.30	
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00	1,020.00	868.48		868.48	151.52	
Accountant—Salaries	4,860.00	4,860.00	4,810.38		4,810.38	49.62	
Accountant—Expense	500.00	500.00	493.78		493.78	6.22	
Treasurer—Salaries	4,549.00	4,549.00	4,536.25		4,536.25	12.75	
Treasurer—Expense	1,600.00	1,601.47	1,595.62		1,595.62	5.85	
Tax Collector—Salaries	4,964.00	4,964.00	4,964.00		4,964.00		
Tax Collector—Expense	2,400.00						
By Refund	8.70	2,408.70	2,343.39		2,343.39	65.31	
Town Collector—Salaries							
By Reserve Fund	100.00	100.00	21.00		21.00	79.00	
Town Collector—Expense							
By Reserve Fund	50.00	50.00	40.25		40.25	9.75	
Assessors—Salaries	6,064.00	6,064.00	6,064.00		6,064.00		
Assessors—Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	933.26		933.26	66.74	
Assessors—Travel	300.00	300.00	271.08		271.08	28.92	
Town Clerk—Salaries	2,472.00	2,472.00	2,472.00		2,472.00		
Town Clerk—Expense	630.00	630.00	611.77		611.77	18.23	
Elec. & Reg. — Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00		550.00		
Elec. & Reg. — Elec. Expense	3,200.00						
By Refund	9.00	3,209.00	3,208.20		3,208.20	.80	
Elec. & Reg. — Relist. Exp.							
By Reserve Fund	111.33	2,261.33	2,261.33		2,261.33		
Law—Salaries	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,532.47		1,532.47	67.53	
Law—Expense	300.00	300.00	216.12		216.12	83.88	



# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'draw Forw'ded to 1952 12/31/51
Sealer of Weights & Meas. Expense	400.00		400.00	367.89		367.89	32.11	
Tree Warden	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.44		1,999.44	.56	
Dutch Elm Disease By Reserve Fund	1,500.00							
Moth Extermination	400.00	1,230.00	2,730.00	2,730.00		2,730.00		
Animal Inspector—Salaries	125.00		400.00	400.00		400.00		
Animal Inspector—Expense	75.00		125.00	124.92		124.92	.08	
Building Inspector—Salaries	400.00		75.00	75.00		75.00		
Building Inspector—Expense	100.00		400.00	399.96		399.96	.04	
Wire Inspector—Salaries	400.00		100.00	99.50		99.50	.50	
Wire Inspector—Expense	100.00		400.00	399.96		399.96	.04	
Dog Officer	500.00		100.00	100.00		100.00		
Street Lighting	18,000.00		500.00	496.80		496.80	3.20	
			18,000.00	17,463.95		17,463.95	536.05	
Tot. Prot. of Pers. & Prop.	230,959.62	3,118.22	234,077.84	229,319.32		229,319.32	4,758.52	
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>								
Health—Salaries	9,609.00		9,609.00	9,600.46		9,600.46	8.54	
Health—Expense	450.00							
By Reserve Fund		250.00	700.00	583.63		583.66	116.34	
Tuberculosis & Cont. Diseases	3,500.00							
By Reserve Fund		171.11	3,671.11	3,670.11		3,670.11	1.00	
Premature Births	1,000.00		1,000.00	316.39		316.39	683.61	
Health—Travel	650.00		650.00	317.37		317.37	332.63	
Garbage Collection	8,998.00		8,998.00	8,998.00		8,998.00		
Sewer—Salaries	3,050.00		3,050.00	3,047.60		3,047.60	2.40	

Sewer—Extra Labor	1,000.00	1,000.00	64.30	64.30	935.70
Sewer—Expense	2,000.00				
By Refund		64.95	2,034.95	1,472.12	592.83
Total Health and Sanitation	30,257.00	486.06	30,743.06	28,070.01	2,673.05
<b>Highways:</b>					
Highway—Salaries	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Highways—Labor	33,000.00		33,000.00	32,990.48	9.52
Highways—Expense	10,000.00				
By Refund		10.00			
By Dresser St. Resurfac.		507.61			
By Ins. Loss Reimburse.		39.02			
By Oil for Roads		898.87			
Oil for Roads	10,000.00		11,455.50	11,226.31	229.19
To Highways Expense			10,000.00	4,160.20	
Road Mach. Maintenance	8,117.70				
By Rd. Mach. Rental Fund	882.30				
By Refund		33.90	9,033.90	9,009.08	24.82
New Equip.—Rd. Mach.	16,500.00				
Balance from 1950					
1951 Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,200.00	982.85	17,482.85	15,914.35	1,568.50
Loan in Antic. of Receipts					
1950 Chap. 90 Maintenance		2,400.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
O'drawn Bal. 1/1/52 2,384.40					
By Highway					
Aid. Rev.		2,400.00	2,400.00		15.60
Town Dump	1,890.00				
By Various Accounts		495.00	2,385.00	2,349.10	35.90
Rubbish Collection	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,897.01	102.99
Snow & Ice	8,500.00				
By Reserve Fund		1,361.58	9,861.58	9,861.58	
Total Highways	2,384.40	9,128.83	106,218.83	96,008.11	898.87
					6,927.45

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Acc'ts. to 1952 12/31/50
<b>Charities and Veterans' Benefits:</b>								
General Relief—Salaries	3,270.00		3,270.00	2,749.34		2,749.34	520.66	
General Relief—Expense	40,000.00							
By Refund		224.29						
By A.D.C. Expense		3,500.00	43,724.29	40,714.14		40,714.14	3,010.15	
Aid to Dep. Children— Salaries	1,210.00							
By A.D.C. Fed. Grant, Sal. & Admin.		300.00	1,510.00	1,201.07		1,201.07	308.93	
Aid to Dep. Children— Expense	30,000.00		30,000.00	24,555.24	3,500.00	28,055.24	1,944.76	
To Gen. Relief Exp.								
Old Age Assistance—Salaries	6,700.00							
By O.A.A. Fed. Grant, Sal. & Admin.		2,500.00	9,200.00	8,677.84		8,677.84	522.16	
Old Age Assist.—Expense	117,894.00							
By Refunds		541.20	118,435.20	114,395.98		114,395.98	4,039.22	
A.D.C. Fed. Grant— Sal. & Admin.								
Bal. from 1950		371.00						
From Comm. of Mass. To A.D.C. Salaries		968.59	1,339.59	356.37	300.00	656.37		683.22
A.D.C. Fed. Grant—Exp. Balance from 1950		3,040.62						
By Refunds		139.30						
From Comm. of Mass.		13,129.85	16,309.77	10,097.08		10,097.08		6,212.69
O.A.A.—Fed. Gr. Sal. & Adm. Balance from 1950		3,139.01						

From Comm. of Mass. To O.A.A. Salaries	5,408.08	8,547.09	1,988.54	2,500.00	4,488.54	4,058.55
O.A.A. Fed. Gr. — Exp. Balance from 1950	28,455.45 606.45					
By Refund	106,367.42	135,429.32	89,353.33		89,353.33	46,075.99
From Comm. of Mass. Child Welfare Salaries	10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00	
Balance from 1950		2,080.00	2,078.64		2,078.64	1.36
Infirmary—Salaries	2,080.00					
Infirmary—Expense	8,500.00					
By Ins. Loss Reimburse.	359.54	8,859.54	8,853.81		8,853.81	5.73
Veterans' Benefits Sal.	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00		1,125.00	
Veterans' Benefits Exp.	22,000.00					
By Refund	561.01					
By Various Accounts	600.00	23,161.01	23,071.07		23,071.07	89.94
Soldiers Burials	400.00	400.00	150.00			
To Vet. Benefits Exp.				250.00	400.00	
Vet. Services—Salaries	3,435.00	3,435.00	3,435.00		3,435.00	
Vet. Services—Expense	500.00	500.00	494.90		494.90	5.10
Burial Allow. to Vets. Organiz.	500.00	500.00	59.00			
To Vet. Benef. Exp.				350.00	409.00	91.00
Maintenance of Vet. Graves	450.00	450.00	443.25		443.25	6.75
Total Char. & Vet. Ben.	238,064.00	408,285.81	333,809.60	6,900.00	340,709.60	10,545.76
	170,221.81					57,030.45

#### Schools and Library:

School—Salaries	372,391.09	372,391.09	372,390.11		372,390.11	.98
School—Expense	88,707.25					
By Refund		2.16	88,709.41		88,709.00	.41
School—Contingency Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,998.75		4,998.75	1.25
Smith-Hughes Fund						
From State	2,226.64	2,226.64	2,226.64		2,226.64	
George Barden Fund						
Balance from 1950	20.00					
From State	150.00	170.00	170.00		170.00	

# **SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)**

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'draw Forw'ded Acc't to 1952 12/31/
Library—Salaries	12,474.00		12,474.00	12,046.36	300.00	12,346.36	127.64	
To Library—Expense								
Library—Expense	4,000.00							
From Library Trustees		32.42						
From Library Salaries		300.00						
Library—Alter. & Improv.	1,000.00		4,332.42	4,329.60		4,329.60	2.82	
Balance from 1950		4,000.00	5,000.00	901.63		901.63		4,098.37
Total Schools & Library	483,572.34	6,731.22	490,303.56	485,772.09	300.00	486,072.09	133.10	4,098.37

## **Recreation and Unclassified:**

Parks	500.00		500.00	494.78		494.78	5.22	
Playgrounds	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,905.85		3,905.85	94.15	
W. W. I Memorial Park	375.00							
By Excess & Deficiency								
Honor Roll		70.00	445.00	428.03		428.03	16.97	
Band Concerts	350.00		350.00	273.14		273.14	76.86	
Swimming Pool—Salaries	500.00		500.00	476.00		476.00	24.00	
Swimming Pool—Expense	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,499.00		2,499.00	1.00	
Swimming Pool—New Wall	300.00		300.00	298.67		298.67	1.33	
Dresser St. Field—Sal.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,496.88		2,496.88	3.12	
Dress St. Field—Maint. & Impr.	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,880.89		3,880.89	119.11	
By Refund								
By Ins. Loss Reimb.		1.75						
Dress. St. Fld.—Rep to Field	1,200.00	260.02	2,761.77	2,758.20		2,758.20	3.57	
Dress. St. Fld.—Trees	200.00		1,200.00	1,197.78		1,197.78	2.22	
Alumni Field—Salaries	500.00		200.00	198.71		198.71	1.29	
Alumni Field—Expense	500.00		500.00	484.38		484.38	15.62	
			500.00	489.23		489.23	10.77	

Henry St. Field—Sal.	500.00	4.00	504.00	501.70	501.70	2.30
By Refund						
Henry St. Field—Exp.	500.00	3.00	503.00	501.41	501.41	1.59
By Refund			3,500.00	3,494.75	3,494.75	5.25
Henry St. Field—New Const.	3,500.00		500.00	492.28	492.28	7.72
Henry St. Fld.—Lev. & Fill	500.00					
Airport Maint. Acct.		473.18	473.18	6.30	6.30	466.88
Balance from 1950						
Dam. to Persons & Prop.	900.00	1,250.00	2,150.00	655.98	655.98	244.02
By Excess & Deficiency			900.00	899.96	899.96	.04
Memorial Day	900.00		300.00	300.00	300.00	
Armistice Day	300.00		1,700.00	1,484.63	1,484.63	215.37
Annual Reports	1,700.00		8,000.00	7,903.08	7,903.08	96.92
Pensions—Non Contrib.	8,000.00					
Insurance	19,400.00	85.82	19,485.82	18,624.95	18,624.95	860.87
Rate Reduc.—Refund						
Town Clock	50.00	756.58	806.58	707.67	707.67	98.91
Balance from 1950			600.00	574.80	574.80	25.20
Water and Ice	600.00					
Outstanding Bills of 1950	251.68					
O'drawn bal. 12/31/50	43.66	164.92	416.60	372.94	372.94	
By Excess & Deficiency						
Pension Accum.						
Fund	11,918.00		11,918.00	11,918.00	11,918.00	
Tot. Rec. & Unclass.	43.66	3,069.27	72,013.95	68,319.99	68,319.99	1,933.42
						1,716.88

#### Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Oak Ridge Cem.	4,400.00	2,225.45	6,625.45	6,521.10	6,521.10	104.35
From Dividends						
Cem. Improv. Acc't.		1,812.77	1,812.77	539.30	539.30	1,273.47
Balance from 1950						
Stone Arch Entrance	200.00	1,185.00	1,385.00	1,348.50	1,348.50	36.50
Balance from 1950						
Total Cemetery	4,600.00	5,223.22	9,823.22	8,408.90	8,408.90	140.85
						1,273.47

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded to 1952 12/31/50
<b>Specials Accounts:</b>								
Am. Legion Kitchen Exit								
From Excess & Deficiency		750.00	750.00	665.13		665.13	84.87	
Ash St. Sew. Purchase	768.00		768.00	768.00		768.00		
Belmont St. Grading								
Balance from 1950		443.08	443.08	147.95				
To Town Dump					250.00	397.95	45.13	
Central St. Resurfac.	4,750.00		4,750.00	4,731.33		4,731.33	18.67	
Central & Hook Sts. Sidewk.								
From Excess & Deficiency		1,600.00	1,600.00	1,304.75		1,549.75	50.25	
To Town Dump								
Cert. Check in Lieu of Bond		1,288.00	1,288.00	1,288.00		1,288.00		
No. Woodstock Rd. Drain								
1951 Chap. 90 Constr.								
Eastford Rd.	6,000.00							
From State and County		13,990.25	19,990.25	19,249.27		19,249.27		740.98
Charlton St. Reconstr.								
Balance from 1950		379.73	379.73				379.73	
Charlton St. Drain	500.00		500.00	498.51		498.51	1.49	
Civil Defense	2,500.00							
Balance from 1950		1,500.00	4,000.00	2,016.66		2,016.66		1,983.34
Cliff St. Bridge			4,200.00	3,724.88		3,724.88		475.12
Dam. to Town Dump Pipeline								
From Northeast. Gas Co.		48.00	48.00	394.50		394.50	48.00	
Dennison Dr. Reconstr.	5,000.00		5,000.00					
Dresser St. Resurfacing								
Balance from 1950		12,348.04	12,348.04	11,822.43				
To Durfee St. Resurfac.					18.00			

To Highway Expense				507.61	12,348.04	
Dresser-Main St. Prop. Maint.	400.00			303.50	96.50	
Durfee St. Resurf.						
Balance from 1950		718.35				
From Dresser St. Resurf.		18.00				
Eastford Rd. School Sidewk.	1,200.00		736.35	643.20	93.15	179.21
Elm St. Reconstr.	19,000.00		1,200.00	1,020.79		19,000.00
Elm St. Sewer	11,000.00		11,000.00			11,000.00
Fairmount Ave. Drain						
Balance from 1950		571.77	571.77	571.75	.02	
Fiske St. Sewer	1,100.00		1,100.00	961.50	138.50	
Foster St. Park. Lot Rep.						
Balance from 1950		944.70	944.70			944.70
E. V. Gillon Dam. Acc't.						
From Travelers Ins. Co.		16.50	16.50	16.50		
Green Ave. Gutter Constr.						
From Excess & Deficiency		150.00	150.00	149.95	.05	
Hartwell St. Storm Drain	380.00		380.00	379.63	.37	
Henry St. Land Exch. with						
Worc. County Elec. Co.						
From Excess & Deficiency		230.00	230.00	230.00		
To Excess & Deficiency						
Hook & Central Sts. Land						
and Building Purchase						
Balance from 1950		20,000.00				
From Excess & Defic.		4,000.00	24,000.00	2.30		23,997.70
Kingsley St. Sidewk. Purch.	350.00		350.00			350.00
Lemire Post No. 6055 Lease—VFW						
Balance from 1950		1,125.00	1,125.00	900.00	225.00	
Liberty St. Sidewalk	1,400.00		1,400.00			1,400.00
Liberty St. Storm Drain						
From Excess & Deficiency		800.00	800.00	688.99	111.01	
Lyons St. Sew. Purchase	521.30		521.30	521.30		
1950 Chap. 90 Construction						
Main, E. Main., Mech.						
Streets Rotary						

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Acc'ts. to 1952 12/31/50
Balance from 1950		3,997.94						
From Highway Aid Rev.		5,458.21	9,456.15	6,780.03		6,780.03	2,676.12	167.18
Morris St. Ext. — 1951	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,832.82		14,832.82		1,200.00
Morris St. Sidewalk	1,200.00		1,200.00					
Removal of Porch—Morris St.								
From Excess & Deficiency		100.00	100.00					100.00
Morris St. Resurfacing								
Balance from 1950		5,267.59	5,267.59	4,375.98		4,375.98	891.61	
No. Woodstock Rd. Drain	1,350.00		1,350.00	1,226.88		1,226.88	123.12	
Oliver St. Sidewalk	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,218.71		1,218.71		181.29
River St. School Ret. Wall								
Balance from 1950		1,023.12	1,023.12	934.00		934.00	89.12	
River St. Storm Drain	400.00		400.00	202.48		202.48		197.52
School Fire Alarm Boxes								
From Reserve Fund		900.00	900.00	897.58		897.58	2.42	
School Planning Survey								
Balance from 1950		5,000.00	5,000.00	4,691.00		4,691.00	309.00	
School Build. & Architectural Survey								
From Excess & Deficiency		20,000.00	20,000.00					20,000.00
Sewage Disposal Plant—								
Engineering Services								
Balance from 1950		2,605.09	2,605.09					2,605.09
Strand Theater Rental	225.00		225.00	225.00		225.00		
Town Government Survey								
Balance from 1950		171.06	171.06					171.06
Town Hall Alter. & Rep.								
Balance from 1950		648.30	648.30					648.30
Foster St. Park. Lot St. Drain								

Balance from 1950	3,376.00	3,376.00	56.25	56.25	3,319.75
Wells High School Elec. Serv Entrance					
West. St. Sch. Ret. Wall	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,900.43	1,900.43	99.57
West St. & Locust Ave. Drain	2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00
Balance from 1950		293.95		293.95	
Westwood Pkwy Resurfacing					
Balance from 1950		103.94		103.94	
Total Special Accounts	82,644.30	109,866.62	192,510.92	90,111.98	1,250.61
				91,362.59	5,777.65
					103.94
					95,370.68

#### Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest—Temporary Loans	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,691.58	1,691.58	208.42
Interest—Fixed Debt	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,540.00	
Maturing Debt	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	
Anticipation of Rev. Loans					
Balance from 1950	100,000.00				
Issued during 1951	250,000.00			350,000.00	
Total Int & Matur. Debt	34,400.00	350,000.00	384,440.00	384,231.58	208.42

#### Agency, Trust, and Investment:

Federal Tax Deductions	70,831.88	70,831.88	62,599.94	62,599.94	8,231.94
Deposit on Plans & Bids	1,475.00				
Balance from 1950	20.00	1,495.00	1,440.00	1,440.00	55.00
Blue Cross	4,598.60	4,598.60	4,598.60	4,598.60	
Mabel Murphy Fund	50.00				
Balance from 1950	36.67	86.67	20.00	20.00	66.67
Adah Stedman Fund	25.00				
Balance from 1950	27.06	52.06	8.00	8.00	44.06
J. J. Angell Fund—					
Balance from 1950	31.27	31.27			31.27
Alexis Boyer Jr. Fund—					
Balance from 1950	11.29	11.29			11.29
Ella M. Cole Fund—					

# **SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)**

Overdrawn Accounts 12/31/50	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Bal. to Revenue	Balance O'drawn Forw'ded Acc'ts to 1952 12/31/50
Balance from 1950		395.71	464.46	29.45		29.45		435.01
Fund Income		68.75						
Mary Mynott Fund—								
Balance from 1950		13.23						
Fund Income		25.00	38.23	17.27		17.27		20.96
Post War Rehabilitation Acct.								
Fund Income—Invested		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00		
School Athletic Fund	1,000.00							
Balance from 1950		1,705.59						
Receipts		6,971.60						
By Refunds		250.00	9,927.19	6,714.41		6,714.41		3,212.78
School Lunch Program								
From State		1,518.48						
Cafeteria Receipts		8,383.07						
By Refund		2.21	9,903.76	9,292.61		9,292.61		611.15
Dog Tax for County		2,069.00	2,069.00	2,069.00		2,069.00		
Cem. Perpet. Care Bequests—								
Deposited		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		46.00
State Tax	46.00		46.00					
State Auditing Tax	1,733.64		1,733.64	1,733.64		1,733.64		
State Parks & Reservations								
Tax—Over-								
drawn 12/31/50	524.26							
State Exam. of			3,018.82	2,036.38		2,036.38		458.18
Retire. System			632.09	632.09		632.09		
County Tax								
Balance from 1950		1,486.64	49,983.55	45,953.94				
To 1951 Revenue					1,486.64	47,440.58		2,542.97
County TB Hosp. Maint. Tax	23,567.88							

Balance from 1950	3,965.24	27,533.12	25,429.62	3,965.24	29,394.86	1,861.7
To 1951 Revenue						
Various Overpayments						
Refunds	2,673.67					
Balance from 1950	20.50					
Total Ag., Tr., Inv.	524.26	78,495.34	111,230.46	2,694.17	2,694.17	
		189,725.80	169,844.12	5,451.88	175,296.00	15,767.28
						1,861.7

### Recapitulation:

General Government	66,606.00	932.24	67,538.24	65,117.68	65,117.68	2,134.12	286.44
Prot. to Pers. & Prop.	230,959.62	3,118.22	234,077.84	229,319.32	229,319.32	4,758.52	
Health & Sanitation	30,257.00	486.06	30,743.06	28,070.01	28,070.01	2,673.05	
Highways	97,090.00	9,128.83	106,218.83	96,008.11	96,906.98	6,927.45	
Char. & Vet. Ben.	238,064.00	170,221.81	408,285.81	333,809.60	340,709.60	10,545.76	57,030.45
Schools & Library	483,572.34	6,731.22	490,303.56	485,772.09	486,072.09	133.10	4,098.37
Recreation & Uncl.	68,944.68	3,069.27	72,013.95	68,319.99	68,319.99	1,933.42	1,716.88
Cem. & Enterpr.	4,600.00	5,223.22	9,823.22	8,408.90	8,408.90	140.85	1,273.47
Special Accounts	82,644.30	109,866.62	192,510.92	90,111.98	91,362.59	5,777.65	95,370.68
Int. & Maturing Debt	34,440.00	350,000.00	384,440.00	384,231.58	384,231.58	208.42	
Agency, Trust, Inv.							
and Refunds	524.26	78,495.34	111,230.46	189,725.80	169,844.12	5,451.88	15,767.28
	2,952.32	1,415,673.28	770,007.95	2,185,681.23	1,959,013.38	14,801.36	175,543.57
							1,861.7



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Southbridge, Mass.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1951

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.  
1952

*A Tribute to the Memory of*

**EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT**

School Nurse  
Southbridge Public Schools

**1945 — 1951**

**DIED — OCTOBER 9, 1951**

# ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1951-1952

Paul A. Roy, Chairman, 141 Everett Street .....	1954
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central Street .....	1954
Mrs. Frederic Beck, 103 Eastford Road .....	1953
Eugene LeBlanc, 30 Forest Avenue .....	1953
Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., 28 Maple Street .....	1952
Gabriel Crevier, 104 Highland Street .....	1952

## Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall, except as follows:

In January, 2nd Monday

In March, 3rd Monday

In September, 2nd Monday

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert H. McCarn    Residence: 17 Franklin Terrace, Tel. 387-W  
Office: Town Hall, Tel. 365

## SECRETARIES

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South Street ..... Tel. 87  
Gloria C. Ciukaj, 906 Main Street ..... Tel. 1890-M

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

## **SCHOOL PHYSICIANS**

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street ..... Tel. 984

Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street ..... Tel. 32

## **SCHOOL NURSE**

Louise A. Pontbriand, 31 Newell Avenue ..... Tel. 307-W

## **SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE** .....

Paul A. Duhart, School Office ..... Tel. 1750-W

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR—1952**

Winter term, seven weeks ..... January 2-February 15

Spring term, seven weeks ..... February 25-April 11

Summer term, nine weeks ..... April 21-June 20

Fall term, sixteen weeks ..... September 3-December 19

## **NO SCHOOL SIGNALS**

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 6:40 A. M. will indicate no school all day  
for High, Trade, and Elementary schools.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate no school all day  
for Elementary schools only.

There will be an announcement of no school over Radio  
Station WTAG beginning at 7:00 A. M.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## In Brief:

Total Expenditures .....	\$470,001.55	
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....	156,476.98	
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Net Cost to Town .....		313,524.57

## In Detail:

Receipts to School Department		
Appropriation .....	471,098.34	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov't .....	2,226.64	
George-Barden Fund .....	170.00	
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Total—Funds Available .....		473,494.98

## EXPENDITURES:

General Control:		
Salaries .....	11,723.26	
Other Expenses .....	1,882.43	
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Total—General Control .....		13,605.69

Auxiliary Agencies:		
Transportation .....	16,106.71	
Tuition to other schools .....	443.30	
Compulsory attendance .....	199.94	
School Doctors .....	1,999.96	
School Nurse .....	3,143.46	
Medical expenses .....	486.04	
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Total—Auxiliary Agencies .....		22,379.41

High School:		
Instruction salaries .....	91,671.72	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	2,560.32	
Supplies .....	2,999.77	
Other expenses .....	482.90	
Operation of plant .....	14,981.80	
Maintenance of plant .....	4,655.93	
Capital outlay .....	6,358.02	
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Total—High School .....		123,710.46

### Elementary Schools:

Instruction salaries .....	\$164,695.41	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	2,864.85	
Supplies .....	5,225.48	
Other expenses .....	206.36	
Operation of plant .....	27,742.77	
Maintenance of plant .....	4,824.89	
Capital outlay .....	1,901.39	
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Total—Elementary Schools .....		\$207,461.15

### Vocational School:

Instruction salaries .....	61,796.04	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks .....	304.18	
Supplies .....	3,028.08	
Other expenses .....	432.10	
Operation of plant .....	5,204.17	
Maintenance of plant .....	4,490.35	
Capital outlay .....		
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Total—Vocational School .....		78,515.46

### Evening High school:

Instruction salaries .....	639.45	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies .....	22.30	
Operation of plant .....	100.00	
Capital outlay .....		
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Total—Evening High School .....		761.75

### Elementary Evening School:

Instruction salaries .....	754.00	
Instruction expenses .....	20.06	
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Total—Elementary Evening School .....		774.06

# Evening Vocational School:

Instruction salaries .....	2,524.48
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks .....	8.08
Supplies .....	435.32
Operation of plant .....	50.00
Maintenance of plant .....	176.21

## Total—Evening Vocational School .....

3,194.09

# Household Arts:

Instruction salaries .....	\$ 4,864.87
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies .....	361.80
Other expenses .....	38.47
Maintenance of plant .....	5.49
Capital outlay .....	1,251.94

## Total—Household Arts .....

\$ 6,522.57

# Industrial Arts:

Instruction salaries .....	960.47
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies .....	99.28
Maintenance of plant .....	17.54
Capital outlay .....	180.94

## Total—Industrial Arts .....

1,258.23

# Domestic Science:

Instruction salaries .....	1,675.27
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies .....	59.44

## Total—Domestic Science .....

1,734.71

# Visual Aids:

Instruction salaries .....	800.00
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies .....	350.39
Maintenance of plant .....	27.23
Capital outlay .....	1.75

## Total—Visual Aids .....

1,179.37

Playgrounds:	
Instruction salaries .....	2,770.00
Instruction expenses:	
Other expenses .....	1,135.85
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Total Playgrounds .....	3,905.85
 CONTINGENCY FUND .....	 4,998.75
 ATHLETIC FUND .....	 721.76
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Total Expenditures .....	470,723.31
Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1951 .....	375.03
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	\$470,348.28

### REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as amended 1948, Chap. 643) .....	\$ 83,758.97
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant ..	3,950.15
Vocational School (Day) State Grant ....	23,926.73
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant ..	998.21
Household Arts—State Grant .....	3,724.98
Worcester Girls' Trade School .....	225.00
Evening Practical Arts School .....	458.30
Worcester Evening Industrial and Practical Arts School .....	39.00
Worcester Apprenticeship School .....	5.10
Springfield Trade High School .....	43.28
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov't Fund .....	2,226.64
George-Barden Fund .....	170.00
High School Tuition .....	19,707.29
Elementary School Tuition .....	991.14
Vocational School Tuition .....	13,017.59
Cole Trade High—Eve. School Tuition ..	583.00
Household Arts—High School Tuition ..	2,621.40
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold ....	5.20
Refunds .....	25.00
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....	\$156,476.98

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Southbridge:

It is a pleasure to submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The chief purpose of this report is to present to you, as simply and clearly as possible, an analysis of our school situation as it exists today.

During the past year, we have tried to plan our program carefully to meet the needs of all the youth of this community in order that they may become good American citizens, better prepared to succeed in our democratic way of life.

Realizing the all-important part that a teacher plays in the training and education of youth, we have recommended a reasonable and adequate salary schedule. The purpose for so doing is to retain and provide a stable, well-trained, and efficient teaching force who are professional in their attitude and content in their profession. A greater spirit of enthusiasm for their work is bound to result. Harmony and cooperation on the part of the teacher has, at all times, been encouraged by improving professional standards wherever possible.

Educational activities have been expanded to suit the ability and aptitude of the individual, to satisfy his interests, and to meet his needs. Adequate instructional materials have been provided for this purpose. To be specific, we have greatly expanded our program of physical education activities, music activities, art activities, speech activities, including debating, dramatics, public speaking, and choral reading. The one-session day in our high schools has provided greater participation in varied types of learning experiences which are conducive to the general well-being of the student.

A new kitchen and cafeteria have been built with complete facilities and furnishings, appropriately painted and decorated. Hot lunches are now provided to pupils attending the Mary E. Wells and Marcy Street Schools. A dietitian and a specially trained supervisor has been appointed in charge of the cafeteria.

Our Household Arts Department has been completely renovated with new and modern equipment. This improvement has merited the approbation of State Department officials.

New typewriters and equipment have been provided for the Commercial Department.

Our Trade School has been replenished with much-needed new machinery and equipment. Greater cultural, social and physical advantages have been provided for the students who attend the Trade School.

Special classes are still held for exceptional children and for those who are physically handicapped.

Pleasant Street School is now open to grades one to four inclusive for pupils living in that district.

Our kindergarten enrollment, within two years, has increased from thirty to one hundred and fifty. We now have three full-time instructors and six different groups in attendance; three in the morning, and three in the afternoon.

Our maintenance program has been quite extensive during the past year. It has consisted in cleaning classroom walls, filling in cracks, priming and painting, varnishing woodwork and furniture, sanding, sealing and waxing classroom floors, making green chalkboards, renewing window shades, refinishing gymnasium floors, purchasing new classroom furniture, renovating and decorating principals' offices, cleaning and painting lavatory and toilet rooms, walls, ceilings, and corridor floors. Thus, completely renovated were: thirteen classrooms, eight office rooms, six toilet and lavatory rooms, four household arts rooms, one nurse's room, cafeteria and kitchen, and four basement corridors.

The custodians are now using new and modern cleaning equipment, new vacuum cleaners and floor machines for the interior of the building. Power lawn mowers have also been procured for the upkeep of school grounds.

The Trade High School boys, under the skillful supervision of their instructors, have helped considerably in making tables and chairs, cabinets, cafeteria equipment, trucks, sinks, trays, railings, and other materials. They have contributed much in the way of painting, papering, and interior decorating. This program of vocational activities has saved the town many thousands of dollars.

Boilers, furnaces, and chimneys have been cleaned and repaired. Thermostats have been installed and general repair work in several buildings has been done on our plumbing and electric service systems, roofs, basements, sidewalks, and storage facilities.

## OUR SCHOOL BUILDING PROBLEMS AND PLANS

Like many other towns and communities, Southbridge is faced with a school housing problem, and, consequently, a school building program. This building problem concerns the welfare of every pupil enrolled in our school system. It involves our high school, trade school, elementary schools, and kindergarten. Our problem is four-fold:

1. Our four elementary schools are overcrowded, and contain grades 1-8 inclusive, which, educationally, is an undesirable grouping because of the age differences.
2. Our present high school lacks adequate facilities for providing a modern progressive educational type of program.
3. Our Trade School lacks sufficient shop space for its present enrollment and does not meet state requirements.
4. Our kindergartens are housed in a building which is quite old and dilapidated. Its location demands considerable transportation which is costly and hazardous.

This summarizes our situation: For the past two years, this problem has been studied at great length by educational authorities—experts in the field. A survey was made by Griffenhagen and Associates. A report was made to the town through the School Planning Board. The School Committee appointed an Advisory Committee made up of members representing various groups in the community. Jointly, the School Committee and its Advisory Board analyzed the problem. The State School Building Assistance Commission was consulted for advice. A Special Town Meeting was held, and \$20,000 was appropriated for the purpose of appointing a School Building Committee, an educational consultant, and an architect, to present their findings to the Annual Town Meeting in March. The School Building Committee of eleven members has been appointed, consisting of: William Orzech, Chairman; William Rogers, Louis Colognesi, Dr. Romeo LeClair, William Schneider, Lorenzo Beaupre, Eugene LeBlanc Mrs, Linnea Beck, Paul Roy, John Martin, and Robert McCarn, Secretary. Dr. William K. Wilson of the New York State Department of Education is the Educational

Consultant, and George H. Sidebottom of Reading has been selected as the architect. Several meetings have been held and practically all of these groups and individuals have concurred on their solution to these problems, which is as follows:

1. The Trade School to be remodeled and expanded in its present location.
2. A new cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium, and modern high school building to house 550 pupils to be constructed, adjacent to the Trade School.
3. The present high school building to be used for a junior high school to house grades 6, 7, and 8. This will provide adequate space for additional educational activities and exploratory educational experiences so necessary during their formative years.
4. The elementary buildings to house the kindergarten through the fifth grade, which will give adequate space for the increased enrollment.
5. The Mechanic Street School to be closed, as it will no longer be needed for kindergarten, which will henceforth be held in each area of the town in the respective elementary buildings.

This program will cost approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars. If the post-war Rehabilitation Fund is applied to this project, it will mean a net increase of 4 or 5 mills in the tax rate. The State will contribute 28% of the entire cost if the plans are approved.

We believe the youth of Southbridge are worthy of these essential facilities which are necessary for their proper training and education in the years ahead. There is no sounder investment that any community can make than to invest in the boys and girls of the community who are to become its citizens of tomorrow. It means the preservation of our form of government, freedom, and equality of opportunity.

We trust that the citizens of Southbridge will act with vision and foresight in this matter which so vitally concerns them.

This epitomizes our school situation for the moment.

I wish to conclude with many thanks for all the help and kind co-operation which I have received from so many sources during the past year in this fine community.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. McCARN,

Superintendent of Schools.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1950 to July, 1951. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952.

### I—School Buildings (Including Cole Trade H. S.)—1951

No. Buildings Occupied .... 8	No. Classrooms Occupied 86
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### II—Teachers (Including Cole Trade High School)

No. men teachers ..... 38	No. women teachers ..... 55
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### III—Pupils

Number of children in Town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7 .....	527
Between the ages of 7 and 14 .....	1,754
Between the ages of 14 and 16 .....	542
	2,823
Total persons between ages of 5 and 16 .....	2,823

Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1950	1951
From September to June .....	1,740	1,826
Number under 5 years of age .....	18	23
Number between 5 and 7 .....	280	288
Number between 7 and 14 .....	920	982
Number between 14 and 16 .....	314	313
Number over 16 years of age .....	226	220
Average membership .....	1,690	1,743
Average daily attendance .....	1,607	1,650

#### Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME

From September to June .....	679	666
Number under 5 years of age .....	—	6
Number between 5 and 7 .....	148	139
Number between 7 and 14 .....	445	423
Number between 14 and 16 .....	55	72
Number over 16 years of age .....	24	26
Average membership .....	663	637
Average daily attendance .....	636	613

## Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC

From September to June .....	308	318
Number under 5 years of age .....	<u>      </u>	4
Number between 5 and 7 .....	112	73
Number between 7 and 14 .....	185	225
Number between 14 and 16 .....	7	16
Average membership .....	297	33
Average daily attendance .....	285	32

## Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S

From September to June .....	218	224
Number under 5 years of age .....	0	0
Number between 5 and 7 .....	39	32
Number between 7 and 14 .....	135	162
Number between 14 and 16 .....	22	14
Number over 16 years of age .....	22	16
Average membership .....	218	217
Average daily attendance .....	207	207

## Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (Day)

From September to June .....	223	238
Number between 14 and 16 .....	92	122
Number over 16 years of age .....	131	116
Average membership .....	164	166
Average daily attendance .....	151	152

## Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

From September to June .....	88	18
Number over 16 years of age .....	88	18
Average membership .....	25	6
Average daily attendance .....	23	5

## STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1951

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
<b>M. E. Wells H. S.</b>							
	195	290	485	486	430.70	457.18	94.35
<b>Charlton Street</b>							
Grade 8	7	11	18	18	16.26	16.55	98.24
Grade 7	14	17	31	31	27.79	28.74	96.64

Grade 6a	19	6	25	25	22.73	23.36	97.33
Grade 6b	11	13	24	25	23.26	24.18	96.18
Grade 5	23	13	36	37	34.87	36.12	97.59
Grade 4	14	11	25	25	21.91	22.50	97.36
Grade 3a	8	14	22	23	21.66	22.18	97.65
Grade 3b	11	14	25	25	21.35	21.91	96.98
Grade 2	23	19	42	44	38.96	40.79	95.17
Grade 1	19	23	42	42	38.51	40.11	96.00
Total	149	141	290	295	267.30	276.44	96.91*

#### Eastford Road

Grade 8	5	11	16	16	15.29	16.00	95.56
Grade 7	18	15	33	33	31.23	31.98	97.68
Grade 6	12	23	35	35	32.88	34.33	95.81
Grade 5	20	19	39	39	36.96	38.21	96.73
Grade 4a	13	13	26	26	24.90	25.84	96.38
Grade 4b	11	9	20	20	18.50	19.70	93.89
Grade 3	21	20	41	42	37.19	38.97	95.41
Grade 2a	20	12	32	33	29.71	31.41	94.78
Grade 2b	15	17	32	33	29.12	30.79	94.75
Grade 1	24	16	40	43	36.71	43.12	92.97
Total	159	155	314	320	292.49	310.35	95.39*

#### Marcy Street

Grade 8	7	17	24	25	23.56	24.74	95.22
Grade 7	18	10	28	28	26.37	27.48	95.96
Grade 6	17	17	34	34	29.51	30.79	95.84
Grade 5	15	13	28	29	26.45	27.64	95.68
Grade 4	17	16	33	35	29.04	30.25	96.02
Grade 3	15	15	30	35	31.45	33.12	94.95
Grade 2	24	14	38	39	35.39	36.30	95.47
Grade 1	25	20	45	45	35.79	38.74	92.30
Total	138	122	260	270	237.56	249.06	95.18*

#### River Street

Grade 3	13	5	18	25	20.52	21.43	95.87
Grades 1 & 2	14	16	30	31	27.39	28.77	95.20
Total	27	21	48	56	47.91	50.20	95.53*

#### West Street

Grade 8	9	14	23	24	23.10	23.72	97.25
Grade 7	11	16	27	27	24.44	25.48	95.93
Grade 6a	11	16	27	27	22.14	22.81	97.01
Grade 6b	10	13	23	23	22.09	22.97	95.58
Grade 5	18	20	38	39	37.30	38.77	95.94
Grade 4	17	18	35	37	33.19	34.91	95.08
Grade 3	23	19	42	43	39.94	40.95	97.54
Grade 2	12	17	29	34	29.69	31.38	94.68
Grade 1	20	15	35	36	32.45	34.01	94.85
Total	131	148	279	290	264.34	285.00	95.98*

\*An Average

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
<b>River Street</b>							
Ungraded		13	13	14	8.72	10.92	88.23*
<b>Wells H. S. Building</b>							
Ungraded	29		29	29	14.79	16.02	91.42*
<b>Mechanic Street</b>							
Kindergarten	53	55	108	109	85.96	102.25	89.56*
*An Average							

# ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1950 (Girls)

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I		13	60	5	2												80
II			18	55	10	2											85
III				29	48	5	1										83
IV					17	43	2		2								64
V						18	28	10	5	1			1				63
VI							17	39	14	8	6						84
VII								15	23	10	5	5		1			59
VIII								1	18	22	8	4					53
IX										21	38	23	4				86
X											26	37	8	3			74
XI												18	40	12	1	1	72
XII													17	30	9		56
Kinder- garten	11	44															55
Ungraded								5	1	1	4	6	1				18
Total	11	57	78	89	77	68	48	70	63	63	87	93	71	46	10	1	932

October 1, 1950 (Boys)

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I		21	61	6	3												91
II			19	70	11	2											102
III				14	57	17	4										92
IV					13	48	5	5	1								72
V						12	30	20	7	6	1						76
VI							6	35	16	9	8	2	1				77
VII								14	32	8	5						59
VIII									4	14	8	2					28
IX										13	30	16	4				63
X											11	29	8	8	1		57
XI												8	20	8	3		39
XII													9	20	6	1	36
Kinder- garten	10	25															35
Ungraded								1	2	3	11	9	2	1			29
Total	10	46	80	90	84	79	45	75	62	53	74	66	44	37	10	1	856

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

### Left

June—Resigned—Mary Thornton .....	West Street
July—Resigned—Charlotte Henderson .....	Marcy Street
August—Resigned—Ann Richardson .....	River Street
September—Leave of Absence—	
Bridie McSweeney .....	Eastford Road
October—Deceased—Edna Pinsonneault .....	School Nurse

### Appointments

September—Dorothy Locke .....	West Street
September—Yolande Arsenault .....	Marcy Street
September—Mary Breen .....	Eastford Road
September—Mary Winston .....	Pleasant Street
September—Leah Cohen .....	Charlton Street
January 1952—Louise Pontbriand .....	School Nurse

## CORPS OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1952

(The name, date of appointment, position held and training for position, appear in that order.)

(Code letters and characters denote the following: (a) Bachelor's Degree; (b) Master's Degree; (c) Graduate Work; (d) Eight Years' Trade Experience; \*On Leave of Absence; C.A.G.S., Certificate of Advance Graduate Study.)

Robert H. McCarn, A.B., M.Ed.; 1950; Superintendent; Holy Cross College (a), Boston College (b), Portland University (c), University of Maine (c), Harvard (c), Boston University (c).

Sven O. Rosengren, B.S., A.M.; 1950; Director of Guidance and Placement; Springfield College (a), N. Y. State Teachers College (c), Washington University (b) (c), Boston University (c), Harvard University (c).

Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B., M.A., C.A.G.S.; 1938; Director of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Director in Elementary Schools; Tufts College (a) (b), Boston University (c), University of Connecticut (c), Washington Lee (c).

Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B., B. Music; 1947; Music Supervisor; Wells College (a), New York U. (c), Schola Cantorum, Paris (c), Surette School (c), Christiansen School (c), Dillar Quaile School (c).

Paul J. Sweet; 1950; Director of Band and Orchestra; Boston University, University of New Hampshire.

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1940; Director of Americanization; Fitchburg Teachers College (a), B. U. (b), Boston Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester Teachers College, Columbia University, Hyannis T. C. (c), Extension Courses (c).

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director; Clark (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c), Boston University (c).

Claire Birtz; 1937; Supervisor of Art; Worcester School of Art, Boston University, Fitchburg State Teachers College.

Margaret R. Connolly; 1922; Secretary to Superintendent; N. E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, University of Maine, Boston University.

Gloria C. Ciukaj; 1951; Secretary in Superintendent's Office; Mary E. Wells High School.

## Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson, B.S., M.Ed.; 1937; Principal; Boston University (a) (b) (c), Harvard (c), Mass. Extension Service (c), Rhode Island College of Education (c).

Nora B. Adams; 1947; Secretary to Principal; Mary E. Wells High School, Boston University.

Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.Ed.; 1921; Commercial, Treasurer of Student Activities Funds; Boston University (a) (c).

Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S.Ed.; 1935; English; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c).

Kathryn Beauregard, A.B., M.A.; 1922; French, Spanish; Middlebury (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Rose Brodeur, B.S., M.A.; 1939; French, Social Studies; Boston University (a) (c), N. Y. University (c), Middlebury (b).

Constance Coderre, B.S.; 1929; Commercial, Student Council; Simmons (a), Boston University (c), Columbia (c).

Luise B. Corbin; 1923; Home Economics, Junior Red Cross; Fitchburg T. C., Wheaton, Simmons.

Edward Desroches, A.B.; 1949; Audio-Visual Aids Director, Biology, Coach; Clark (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c), Boston University (c).

Paul A. Duhart, B.S.Ed.; 1949; Civics, Law, Morse Code, Local Gov't., Coach; Boston University (a).

Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B., M.Ed.; 1926; English, Crimson and Gray; Radcliffe (a), Boston University (b).

C. Estelle Hefner, PhB.; 1933; Latin, English; Brown University (a), Boston U. (c).

Persis F. Howe, B.S.Ed.; 1930; Commercial, Crimson and Gray Business Advisor; Salem T. C. (a), Columbia (c), Clark (c).

Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S.Ed.; 1940; Home Economics; Framingham T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (c), Lesley College.

Eino Laakso, A.B., M.A.; 1945; Algebra, Math., Chemistry, Coach; Clark (a) (b), Boston University (c).

Arthur D. Lane, B.S.Ed., M.Ed., M.A.; 1948; Social Studies, Coach; Fitchburg T. C. (a) (b), Clark (c), Tufts (c) U. of Penn. (a).

Cecile P. LeClair, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1936; English, Dean of Girls; Worcester T. C. (a), Columbia (b) (c).

Harry J. McMahon, PhB., M.Ed.; 1926; Chemistry, Physics, Director of Athletics in High School; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (b), Harvard (c).

Flora Tait, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1939; English; Framingham T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Cornell (c), Queen's University, Canada (c).

Liberty J. Themistocles, A.B.; 1946; Civics, Science, Coach; Emmanuel (a), Columbia (c), Harvard (c).

Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.; 1927; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a), Boston U. (c).

Lindzay Varnam, B.S., M.Ed.; 1943; Geometry, Algebra; Colby (a), Boston U. (b).

Elsie Wanerka, B.S.Ed.; 1945; Commercial; Salem T. C. (a), Worcester State Teachers College (c).

John E. Welch, B.S.; 1948; History, Biology, General Science; Holy Cross (a), Boston University (c), Harvard (c), Worcester State Teachers College (c).

### **Cole Trade High School**

Raymond L. W. Benoit, B.S. in Engineering, M.Ed.; 1949; Director; Northeastern Univ. (a), Springfield College (b), Harvard (c).

Maureen A. Baybutt, 1946; Secretary to Director; Feener Business School, University of Maine, Boston University.

Elsie A. Hofstra; 1933; Clerk; Becker's Business College.

Harold A. Andrews; 1941; Painting & Decorating (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C.

John L. Benson; 1942; Drafting (d); Northeastern Univ., Fitchburg T. C.

George H. Braman; 1938; Metalsmith (d); Northeastern Univ., Fitchburg T. C.

\*Philip L. Colognesi; 1950; Metalsmith (d); Worcester Junior College (Mech. Eng.)

Francis E. Couture; 1945; Electrical (d); Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W. P. I.

Walter J. Glondek; 1938; Related Science, Physics, Mechanics, Hygiene & Safety, Local & State Gov't.; Cole Trade, Fitchburg T. C., Clark Univ., Worcester Junior College.

Ernest Hall; 1926; Industrial Printing (d); Southbridge H. S.

Nels H. Johnson; 1937; Machine (d); General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T. C., Northeastern University.

William A. Julien, A.B., M.Ed.; 1945; Science, Mathematics, U. S. & Industrial History, Counseling; Manhattan College (a); Boston Univ. (b); Columbia (c).

Claude D. Lacouture, B.S.Ed.; 1950; Academic; Fitchburg T. C. (a).

Emery A. Lavalley; 1926; Supervision, Related Drawing; Fitchburg T. C., Southbridge Industrial, M. E. Wells High; Draftsman (Machine Designer) (d).

William C. Nickerson; 1941; General, Wood Cabinet-making (d); Norwich Univ., Fitchburg T. C.

William B. Paul; 1942; General Machine (d); Lowell Institute, Fitchburg, T. C.

Eugene J. Remian, B.S.Ed.; 1949; Academic Instructor; Holy Cross College (a), Boston University (c).

Frank P. Skinyon, B.S.Ed.; 1934; Cabinet-making, Pattern-making (d); Fitchburg T. C. (a); Boston University (c).

Louise E. Steenburn; 1949; Academic Work Special Classes in H. S. Building; Westfield T. C., Special-in-Service Training.

Lawrence F. Swenson; 1932; Related Science, Prob. of Democracy, Mathematics, World History, Economics, Industrial Relations; Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T. C., Boston University, Machinist (d), Drafting (d).

### **Charlton Street School**

R. Joseph Racine, A.B., M.Ed.; 1944; Principal, Assumption College (a), Boston University (b), Clark University (c), Springfield College Graduate School (c), Northeastern University (c), Oxford University (c), Harvard University (c).

Eva Casavant, B.S., M.A.; 1933; Departmental Social Studies, Art, Grades 6, 7 & 8; Worcester T. C. (a); Clark University (b).

Leah Sax Cohen, A.B.; 1951; Grade 4; C. L. A., Boston Univ.

Josette M. Dupuis, A.B.; 1948; Grade 5; Our Lady of the Elms College (a), University Extension.

Helen Golden; 1948; Grade 3; Our Lady of the Elms College; Hyannis Summer School.

Claire A. Kirk; 1949; Grade 3; Bridgewater T. C., Willi-

mantic T. C., Boston University, University of Conn., Worcester T. C.

Everett H. Holmes, A.B.; 1945; Departmental English, Literature & Spelling, Grades 6, 7 & 8; Colby College (a), Boston University (c), Harvard University (c), University Extension.

Ruth Mahan; 1948; Grade 1; Worcester State T. C., Columbia University, Hyannis T. C.

Gladys W. Howes, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Grade 1; Washington State Normal, Farmington State T. C., Colby College, Wittenberg College, University of Maine (a), Boston University (c).

Malcolm Nash, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Departmental Mathematics and Science, Grades 6, 7 & 8; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c).

### **Eastford Road School**

Raoul O. Lataille, A.B., M.Ed.; 1939; Principal, Coach; Assumption (a), Boston University (b) (c), Harvard University (c).

Mary A. Breen, B.S.; 1951; Grade 1B; University of Massachusetts (a).

Elizabeth Curtis, A.B., B.S.Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Boston University (a) (c), Salem T. C. (a), Harvard University (c).

T. Thomas Finnerty, A.B., M.A.; 1948; English 6, 7, 8, Literature 6, 7, 8, Music 6, Dramatics; Boston College (a) (b), Boston University (c), University Extension (c), Harvard University (c).

Bertha E. Foley; 1912; Grade 2; Worcester Teachers College (c), University Extension (c).

Irene V. Gough; 1914; Social Studies 6, 7, 8, Art 6, 7, 8, Music 7, 8, Pub. Speaking; Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension.

Cathryn Maxwell; 1945; Grade 1A; Lowell Teachers College.

Julia C. Morrill; 1914; Grade 3B; St. Joseph's Normal School, Univ. Extension.

Vincent J. Puracchio, A.B., M.A.; 1950; Grade 5A; American International College (a) (b).

Elinor H. Small, A.B., M.Ed.; 1945; Mathematics 6, 7, 8, Science 6, 7, 8; Brown (a), Worcester T. C. (b).

Florida Tarquinio, B.S.Ed.; 1942; Grade 5B; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark University (c).

Evangeline R. Towse, B.S.Ed.; 1948; Grade 3A; Boston University (a) (c), Salem T. C. (c), Hyannis T. C. (c), University Extension (c).

### **Marcy Street School**

Constance M. L'Ecuyer, B.S.Ed., M.A.; 1940; Principal; Fitchburg T. C. (a), Boston University (b), Boston City Nursery School, Wellesley College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia University, Extension Courses (c), Hyannis T. C. (c), Harvard University Extension (c).

Yolande Arsenault, B.S.Ed.; 1951; Grade I; Worcester T. C. (a).

Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed.; 1939; Departmental Social Studies, Grade 6, 7 & 8; Science, Grades 7 and 8, Art 7; Westfield T. C. (a), Fitchburg T. C. (b), University Extension Courses (c).

Alice Wixted Dion; 1926; Grade 4; North Adams T. C., Hyannis T. C., Boston University Extension Courses.

Ruth Huson; 1945; Grade 3; Maine State Normal, Hyannis T. C., Boston Univ., Gorham T. C., Worcester T. C.

Ellwood S. Jenness, B. S.; 1948; Grade 5, Departmental Music; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Boston University (c), Longy School of Music (c).

Myrtle B. Jodrey; 1944; Departmental, English Grades 6, 7 & 8, Science 6, Art 6, Dramatics 7, Literature 7, Reading 6; Fitchburg T. C., University Extension Courses.

Marie J. Saunders; 1924; Departmental, Arithmetic, Art 6, Literature 8, Public Speaking 6; West Chester, Pa. T. C., Boston University and Worcester T. C. Extension Courses; Boston University Summer School.

Marie E. Serleto; 1949; Grade 2; Lesley College, Hyannis T. C., Boston U.

### **Mechanic Street School**

A. Kathleen Eddy, B.E.; 1949; Teacher in charge; Kindergarten; New Britain T. C. (a).

Marjorie H. Grape; 1949; Kindergarten; Wheelock, Hyannis Normal, Northfield Seminary, Babson Institute.

Clara M. Reed; 1918; Kindergarten; Westfield T. C., Worcester Girls' Trade, University Extension, Boston University, Harvard Ext., Worcester T. C.

### **Pleasant Street School**

Camella Dintini, B.S.Ed.; 1940; Teacher in charge, Grade 4; Worcester T. C. (a), Clark (c), Harvard (c), University Ext. Courses (c).

Corinne E. Beaudreau; 1924; Grade 1; University Ext. Courses.

Ruth Sampson; 1930; Grade 3; Westfield T. C., University Extension Courses.

Mary Winston; 1951; Grade 2; Hyannis, University Ext. Courses.

### West Street School

Laurenda Boyer; 1926; Principal; Remedial Reading; Boston Univ., Worcester T. C., University Ext. Courses.

Marjorie F. Campbell, B.S.Ed.; 1933; Departmental English and Reading 6, 7 & 8, Health and Safety, Penmanship, Spelling, Art 7; Bridgewater T. C. (a), Columbia, B. U. (c), Harvard Courses (c), Simmons (c).

Daniel J. Hobart, A.B.; 1950; Departmental English 7, Math., Spelling 6, Music 6, 7 & 8, Social Studies 7; Boston College (a), Queens College (c), Cambridge University (c), Harvard University (c).

Virginia E. Hobart, B.S.Ed.; 1952; Grade 5; Lowell St. T. C. (a).

Dorothy M. Locke; 1951; Grade 1; Framingham State Teachers College, University Extension Courses.

Emily F. Roberts, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.; 1944; Grade 4; Hyannis State T. C. (a), University of N. H. (b).

Eva P. Salviuolo, B.S.Ed., 1943; Grade 2; Worcester T. C. (a), Boston University.

Dorothy M. Sheriff; 1945; Grade 3; Westfield State T. C., University Extension Courses.

Louise E. Steenburn; 1940; Grade 5; Westfield State T. C.

Celestine C. Sweet; 1932; Departmental Social Studies 6, 7 & 8, Science 6, Health and Safety, Spelling, Penmanship 7, Music - Art 8; Our Lady of the Elms College, Worcester T. C., Hyannis T. C., B. U. Extension Courses, Clark University.

Bertha L. Wallace; 1922; Departmental Mathematics, Science 7 & 8, Art 7, Health and Safety, Spelling, Penmanship 8; Hyannis T. C., Boston University Extension Courses.

### Janitors

Name	App't.	School
Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Gerald Bertrand	1950	Mary E. Wells High School
Philius Caron	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street School
Lucien L'Africain	1950	Mary E. Wells High School
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Eugene Tetreault	1949	Pleasant Street School

# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my fifteenth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1951-1952 is divided as follows:

Seniors—101, Juniors—103, Sophomores—129, Freshmen—129, Post-graduates—1, Specials—1, making a total of 464 pupils.

## PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

Ninety-six pupils were graduated on June 21, 1951 and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

### Class of 1951—Academic

Joseph Peter Athanas	Claire Marie Alice Jarry
John Joseph Bednarczyk, Jr.	Stewart Franklin Kimball
**Lorraine Marie Bergeron	**Joan Ruth Lakin
*Roger Wilfred Boucher	Alfred Romeo LeBlanc
**Ann Bousquet	**Sally-Ann Martin
Robert Ralph Bucchiacchio	**Thomas Michael
Eleanor Eva Crete	Vangel Lambi Michael
William Joseph Curtis	*Anne Margaret Moynagh
*Jean Carole Daniels	*Susan Lyon Parker
**Elaine Charlesine Delmore	*Martha Cooper Phillips
Edward Demirjian	**Barbara Ann Rischitelli
**Jane Louise Dickinson	**Lorraine Jeanne Rousseau
*Frank Robert DiFederico	Paul Edward Ryan, Jr.
Alfred Norman DiGregorio	*John Joseph Rymarz, III
Dominic Anthony DiPaolo	Anthony Joseph Santilli
Edward Charles Fontaine	Wayne Clement Small

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| **Clara Anna Gates        | *Gerald Roy Suprenant     |
| **Michael Francis Holden  | Yves George Thibaudeau    |
| Thomas Henry Howarth, Jr. | **Marion Faith Varnam     |
| Dona Leonora Howlett      | Barbara Dawn Voltz        |
| *Alice Frances Hoy        | Thomas Patrick Welch, Jr. |
| **Annette Claudette Jacob | **Paul Wayne Woodbury     |

### Commercial

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *Shirley Anne Agard        | Lucille Claire Ferron      |
| Dorothea Anna Allard       | *Jeanne Edna Fortin        |
| Sylvia Frances Arduini     | **Ann Lois Freeland        |
| Arthur Joseph Atwood, Jr.  | Eleanore Gertrude Gravelle |
| Corinne Marie Bouthillier  | Jane Annette Hickox        |
| **Gloria Cecile Ciukaj     | *Arlene Ruth Olson         |
| **Pauline Sarah Huet       | Therese Germaine Perron    |
| George Kollios             | *Kathleen Helen Quinn      |
| *Jacqueline Ann Langevin   | **Jacqueline Ellen Renaud  |
| Charlotte Marie Letourneau | *Jean Pauline Reopel       |
| *Nancy Mary Marcelli       | Nancy May Ritchie          |
| Colleen Phyllis McGann     | *Shirley Laurette Robida   |
| *Charles Edward Clarke     | **Rita Mae Sherbert        |
| Norman Omer Cloutier       | Arnold James Simpson       |
| *Elizabeth Ann Colognesi   | **Louise Thanas Tanca      |
| Olga Costa                 | Theresa Lucille Tremblay   |
| *Margaret Jane Deering     | **Lorraine Rachel Vacher   |
| *Frances Marie DiPaola     | Sally Zajac                |
| Joan Marie Duffy           |                            |

### Civic-Social

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Francis James Deignan, III | Donald John Marino     |
| Nelson James Horr          | Andra Theresa Shepherd |

### Homemaking

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Joan Patricia Hamilton  | Joan Marion McLean  |
| Marlene Edith Lundstrom | Patricia Ann Powers |

### War Diplomas

- Wilfred Eustachio Materas—Civic-Social  
 Michael Nickolas Giacobbi—Commercial  
 Walter Peter Edward Kornasky—Academic  
 Emery Andre Lavallee, Jr.—Civic-Social

## Special Students

Paul Henry Benoit—Civic-Social  
Gilbert Adolph Binnette—Civic-Social  
\*Philip Eugene Talbot—Academic

\*General Average of 80% or above for four years  
\*\*Members of the National Honor Society

The Commercial program included: stenographic, book-keeping, office practice and general business courses. The co-operative program with industry was reactivated which gave twenty-two girls the opportunity of alternating between work and school experience for two-week periods at a time. This program is operated during the last semester of the senior year.

The Guidance Department is functioning smoothly with a full-time Guidance Director and a Dean of Girls. The Guidance Department's full report may be seen under Mr. Rosengren's report.

The Home Economics Department has been completely renovated so that we now have two complete kitchens. One of these features a complete electric kitchen, whereas the other features a complete gas unit.

The high school Home Economics Course is a home-making course of two years, including foods, nutrition and clothing work, family and social relations. This course is State aided and State supervised. Both teachers in the department take professional improvement courses each year.

The department hopes to offer Home Economics as an elective for Junior and Senior girls one double period per week and to have the course a required subject for all Freshmen girls one double period per week.

Mrs. Laurent Jarry, Mrs. Herbert Kimball, and Mrs. Alton K. Marsters serve as an efficient and splendid advisory committee.

One new course has been added to the curriculum; namely, Health Education. This follows the recommendations of the State Department of Education.

The school, since last spring, has operated on a one-session day, with rotating periods. This was made possible by the construction of a cafeteria which provides hot lunches of the following type for twenty-five cents: fruit juice, main dish with a vegetable, dessert and milk. Pupils may bring lunches from home and purchase milk and ice cream from the cafeteria.

The Mary E. Wells High School Band has been outfitted with new uniforms. The drum majorettes also have new uniforms. The band has continued to operate and performs at many special occasions both in and out of town. We wish to thank the Ames Worsted Company for the materials donated for the uniforms.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper grades easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.
2. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
3. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
4. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.
5. That a course in Driver Education be set up under the supervision of the State Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Safety and that behind-the-wheel training experience be given.
6. That a men's teachers' room be set up and proper furniture provided for the room.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal

Mary E. Wells High School.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing .....	Two classes
Bishop Method of Clothing Construction .....	One class
Advanced Dressmaking .....	One class
Tailoring .....	One class
Cooking .....	One class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields. The class in Elementary Typewriting proved to have a large demand and was well attended.

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Director,  
University Extension and Evening  
Vocational Courses.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the annual report of the activities of the Guidance Department is hereby respectfully submitted.

### TESTING PROGRAM

#### 1. Intelligence Tests

Tests of scholastic aptitude and mental maturity were administered to all pupils in grades 1, 4, 7, 9, and 12.

These tests, designed to indicate learning ability on the part of the pupil, were scored and results were entered in individual cumulative records.

## **2. Achievement Tests**

The Metropolitan Achievement Tests were administered to pupils in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Results on these tests revealed that, in most instances, scores achieved by Southbridge children run exceptionally high when related to tables of national norms.

Cooperative Tests of Achievement were used in the Mary E. Wells High School to measure individual progress in such subject areas as English, Latin, French, history, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics and chemistry.

## **3. Aptitude Tests**

Tests of mechanical aptitude and mechanical comprehension were administered to all 8th grade pupils, pupils of the Cole Trade High School and those enrolled in the General Vocational Division of the Cole Trade High School.

## **4. Interest and Preference Records**

Such records or inventories were made available to those students in the Mary E. Wells High and Cole Trade High Schools desiring to explore personal and vocational interests.

## **PERMANENT RECORDS**

All test scores were entered on permanent cumulative records. These records follow the individual pupil throughout his school life. Such records also contain notes on interviews, participation in student activities, and other historical information.

The cumulative record is the core for the entire record system. No school can successfully approach the task of developing effective guidance procedures for pupils in the absence of an adequate cumulative record form.

The counseling activity extends from the elementary schools through the high schools and on into adult life. Because of the close relationship between teacher and pupil in the elementary grades, most of the counseling on that level is accomplished in the classroom. However, the school principals and the guidance staff often participate in the activity in cooperation with the classroom teacher.

The Dean of Girls and the Director of Guidance provide counseling for the students of the Mary E. Wells High School. A special Guidance Center is established in the school to accommodate this activity.

Boys in the Cole Trade High School and in the General Division of the school are counseled by a qualified counselor.

## EMPLOYMENT

One of the special functions of the Guidance program is "to establish personal contacts and friendly relations with employers, prospective employers and community personnel, and to make an earnest effort in attempting to fill their needs as well as those of the students in job placement." Actual placement figures and pertinent discussion are included in two follow-up studies made during the past year. The results of these studies have been submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools but will be discussed briefly in this report under the heading "Research."

Part-time employment surveys revealed that a majority of pupils of employable age are engaged in some form of part-time employment. However, a part-time placement system is maintained to provide service to the community and to students indicating a desire to work.

## INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

It has been mentioned that a guidance center is established in the Mary E. Wells High School. A section of this area is set up to provide informational material for students. The substance of this informational material might be described as follows:

1. Occupational information offering job descriptions in terms of job requirements, opportunities, income, advantages, etc.
2. Information on occupational trends.
3. College or school information providing students with an opportunity to investigate many of the colleges and universities in the country.
4. Information on special and technical schools.
5. Information on Government service, both civil and military.
6. Current information literature.

## RESEARCH

A "Follow-up study of Withdrawals and Graduates of the Cole Trade High School" was completed this year. Mr. William Julien, Guidance Counselor at the Trade High School, submitted this study at Boston University. It was accepted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Education.

This study including withdrawals and graduates of the Cole Trade High School over a five-year period was presented to the Superintendent of Schools and is now on file in the Guidance Office.

"The results of the study indicate that the Cole Trade High School has been successful in its selection and guidance of students who had need for specific direction. It is very significant that 80 percent of the students report satisfaction in their employment when it is considered that 71 per cent of the graduates are working in the trades which their training was implemented."

"Since 30 per cent of the graduates responding to the inquiry have continued their education, there is evidence that the school has been instrumental in awakening a desire for self-improvement. The comments offered and the number of suggestions for course additions show that these people are interested in the school and are awake to the possibilities of expansion of and improvement of the school."

Mr. Lindzay A. Varnam, a member of the faculty of the Mary E. Wells High School, made a follow-up study of the graduates and non-graduates of Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1950. This study was undertaken by Mr. Varnam with the cooperation of the staff of the Guidance Department and submitted as a graduate thesis at Boston University. It was accepted in partial fulfillment for the degree of Master of Education.

The study had three main divisions: "(1) an inquiry into the activities of the pupils after graduation or after leaving school; (2) pupil evaluation of their participation in the varied school experiences and activities and (3) suggestions which the former pupils may wish to make for the improvement of the school."

This study showed that "more than half of those replying are now working full time in business or industry. Twenty-one per cent are attending a college or university, and sixteen per cent are attending some other educational institution. Twenty-three of the forty-four who are working are employed in the American Optical Company. Eleven others are working for eleven other companies in Southbridge. No company except the American Optical Company employs more than one of the groups. Complete details on this follow-up of the Class of 1950 are included in a study now on file in the Guidance Office.

The faculty of the Cole Trade High School, Director Raymond Benoit, and members of the Guidance staff entered into a cooperative study with the State Department of Education. This study was undertaken to determine the extent to which reading ability is related to intelligence, and to explore the possibilities that reading material, presented in many textbooks, might be geared beyond the level of reading attained by the typical student.

A statistical report of results on achievement tests was compiled in the Office of the Director of Guidance and forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools. As has been noted previously in this report, Southbridge children tend to achieve well beyond comparable national norms.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the cooperation of principals, teachers, parents, and students over the past year. Sincere appreciation is felt and thanks expressed to all who have been helpful in assisting the Guidance program in its function.

Respectfully submitted,

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, Director,  
Guidance and Placement.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I am submitting my second annual report for your approval.

In 1911, the townspeople of Southbridge recognized the need of training young men in industrial pursuits. In 1920, this training became State-Aided under Chapter 74 of the General Laws. This training was definite in character. These vocational classes were not, are not fostered under State and Federal Aid for the purpose of giving instruction to backward, deficient, incorrigible or otherwise sub-normal individuals; but such classes are established and maintained for the clearly avowed purpose of giving thorough vocational instruction to healthy, normal individuals, to the end that they may be prepared for profitable and efficient employment.

The Cole Trade High School continues to serve the youth of Southbridge and the near vicinity. This service is based on the needs of the community and the needs, aptitudes and interests of the young men. Employment for the graduates is 100%; 90% being in the trades trained for.

The newly organized rotation plan has proven successful. This success is marked by a smaller turn-over in the General Department. Each boy who enters the Trade School from the sixth or seventh grade is required to spend eight weeks in each trade taught in the school. At the end of the year, the boy selects the trade he feels he would like to pursue.

The faculty has completed our part of a major survey conducted by the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation. This group is attempting to show the acute need of training people in the industrial field. This report shows approximately eleven thousand (11,000) trade employment possibilities in the State of Massachusetts. Vocational schools are graduating approximately 600 trades people. Our school is graduating approximately thirty young men every year.

## **GRADUATES**

### **Trade High Diplomas**

#### **Cabinetmakers**

Robert John Briere	Albert Leopold Cournoyer
Richard Sylvio Menard	Francis John Mikuszewski
Arthur Thomas Morrell, Jr.	

#### **Draftsmen**

Paul Raymond Fortin	Ernest Emily LeBoeuf
*Francois Edward Gaumond	*Herman Roy Provost
Richard William Schmitt	

#### **Electricians**

Wayne Kenyon Armstrong	Roger Richard Roy
Albert Charles Pulawski	Armand Donald Sirard
*William Lawrence Muir	

#### **Machinists**

Charles Edwin Cook	*Carl Paul Jankowski
*John Joseph Dzura	Paul Robert Parent
Raymond Leo Richard	

#### **Painters and Decorators**

Donald Roger Goudreau	James Louis Richard
Normand Oliva Richard	

\* World War II Veterans

## CLASS OFFICERS

Herman Provost .....	President
Donald Sirard .....	Vice-President
Albert Pulawski .....	Treasurer
Raymond Richard .....	Secretary

## AWARD WINNERS

American Legion Post No. 31 Award

(Good Citizenship) ..... Herman Provost

Alumni Award—Scholastic Achievement ..... Donald Sirard

Alumni Award—Athletic Achievement ..... Raymond Richard

I thank the townspeople, the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Faculty, the girls in the office and our custodian for their valuable aid in making vocational education a success in Southbridge. I also give special thanks to the Advisory Committee for giving up so much of their valuable time for the betterment of Vocational education.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, Director,  
Cole Trade High School.

## Evening School Program

	No. Enrolled
Woodworking ..... Frank P. Skinyon .....	17
Drafting ..... George H. Braman .....	25
Machine ..... Nels H. Johnson .....	23
Furniture Refinishing .... Irving Harding .....	29
Radio Repair ..... Warren Rand .....	20
Soldering & Welding .... Philip Colognesi .....	17
Related Auto Mechanics Anthony Capozzo .....	8
Related Plumbing ..... Antonio Blanchet .....	7
Related Carpentry ..... William A. Julien .....	15

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, Director,  
Evening School.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the following report of my work which covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 1951.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

This year, our program has been organized so as to include all the students in our elementary schools plus the entire student body of our Trade School. This program involves over 1400 students. Calisthenics, games and relays, and recreational sports are emphasized in our Physical Education program for grades 7th, 8th and the Trade School. This program is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of the students. Each student, in these levels, averages one hour of physical education per week.

A closely supervised program has been organized for grades 1-6 inclusive. This program has been designed to provide the students opportunities to learn basic skills to develop good health and safety habits, encourage leadership, good sportsmanship, and to express themselves physically as well as mentally. This particular program has been divided into the following three levels: a program for Grades I and II; a program for Grades III and IV; and a program for Grades V and VI. The director plans and submits weekly programs to the classroom teachers, and they in turn conduct the program during the recess and physical education period. Approximately thirty minutes a day is given to this project. For grades one and two, niemetics, singing games and group games are planned. Grades three and four offer rhythmic activities, athletic games, relays and group games. Team games, athletic games and relays are emphasized in grades five and six. These activities are developed in a progressive manner. This program has replaced the uncontrolled and unsupervised recess program. A definite time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students. Since this program has been in operation, accidents in our play areas have been eliminated.

### AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

This program has become very popular, for more students are participating this year. The competition between schools has been more keen and balanced. Although West Street and Marcy Street Schools have improved greatly, Eastford Road School won the boys' and girls' basketball banner, while Charlton Street School repeated in football, baseball, and girls' softball.

All the students participating in these activities are properly supervised by their coaches. All teams are also properly clothed. Practices and games are held in the elementary gyms and on the playgrounds of our schools.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee, principals, and classroom teachers in our elementary schools for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing these programs.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director.

Physical Education.

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit the School Nurse's report from September 5, 1951 when I took over as substitute school nurse to the end of this calendar year.

At the Mary E. Wells High School, physical examinations were given to 281 girls. Forty-five notices for physical defects were sent to parents. Seventy-two boys participating in sports were given physical examinations. Seven notices for physical defects were sent to parents.

At the Charlton Street School, twenty-nine girls in grades 7 and 8 were given physical examinations. Nineteen notices for physical defects were sent to parents.

At the Eastford Road School, 167 pupils of grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 were examined. Twenty-six notices for physical defects were sent to parents.

At the Marcy Street School, 93 pupils were given physical examinations. Seven notices for physical defects were sent to parents. Pupils of grades 3 and 4 were also given dental screening by the dentist. Two hundred five pupils were given the Massachusetts Vision Test. Seventeen notices were sent to parents notifying them of failure in vision test. Twenty-eight borderline cases were found which should be periodically checked.

At the Pleasant Street School, twenty-four pupils were examined. One notice for physical defects was sent to a parent. Pupils of grades 3 and 4 were given dental screening by the dentist.

At the West Street School, twenty-six girls in grade 7 were given physical examinations. Thirteen notices for physical defects were sent to parents.

The main physical defects in order of the number of cases were as follows: teeth, the throat, feet, poor posture, and heart condition.

During October and November, fourteen dental clinics were held at the Town Hall, at which forty-four children from the various grammar schools were examined.

Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind in Boston for two of our pupils in the public grammar schools.

The Lions Club furnished free milk for 86 needy children in our schools.

Fourteen home visits were made, one with Miss Dwiny, State Nutritionist. Two follow-up visits were made in one particular case.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA J. LAAKSO,

Substitute School Nurse.

## REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your instructions, I herewith submit my third annual report for your consideration.

The work of the attendance officer is, by its nature, sometimes trying and difficult. Poor school attendance or truancy is, for the most part, associated with unhealthy home conditions. When faced with this type of problem at the outset, it is difficult to perform satisfactorily the obligations of the position. The true work of the attendance officer is to counsel and help the students and parents to appreciate the significance of school attendance laws. The principle is not one of repression, but rather one of helpful guidance.

In more specific detail, the following deals with the exact duties of the attendance officer:

1. Investigate cases referred to him by the school principals.
2. Submit a written report to the Superintendent giving the results of each visit, and make a telephone report to the school principal.

3. Make any follow-up investigation which is necessary.
4. Administer the Cole Fund.
5. Measure the distances between the homes of students and the schools to ascertain if a particular person qualifies for a bus pass.
6. Bring into court confirmed truants.
7. Bring into court negligent or irresponsible parents.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. DUHART,

Attendance Officer.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VISUAL AIDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

At your request, I am submitting my annual report of the activities of the Audio-Visual Aids Department for 1951.

### CHANGE OF LOCATION

In September, the Audio-Visual Aids Department was moved from the Marcy Street School basement to a new location in the High School building. This was a very logical and desirable change. In its new location, in the building with the greatest concentration of teachers, the department is strategically situated to insure fuller utilization of its facilities and services. Secondly, the physical characteristics of the new location are much more adequate for workshop purposes. Lastly, since the director is also a part-time teacher in the same building, the dual role of teacher-director is greatly facilitated.

### DARKENING FACILITIES

In order to permit putting audio-visual aids in the classroom where they belong, rather than in the auditorium, an entirely new learning environment, a set of portable dark shades was purchased for each of the following schools: Mary E. Wells, Marcy Street, West Street, and Charlton Street. The educational significance of this step can be realized from an educator's recent statement that "one of the bottlenecks holding back the advance of audio-visual methods in education is the lack of darkening facilities for showing projected aids in classrooms." Many of our teachers have already reported a noticeable increase in the effectiveness of projected aids as used under our present program.

## TEACHER TRAINING

A workshop in the operation of a 16mm sound projector was conducted for a one-week period in each elementary school. Almost all elementary school teachers subscribed to this program. Many, in fact, expressed a great deal of satisfaction in becoming proficient in the use of one of the most progressive tools of education.

A program of individual instruction is now in operation at the High School. Encouraged by their principal and given the opportunity by the director, many high school teachers have also sought instruction in the operation and use of the various audio-visual aids to education.

## STUDENT PROJECTIONISTS

The Projectionist Squad remains a major factor in the smooth operation of the program. The student projectionist relieves the teacher of many projection details which might discourage the use of such powerful teaching tools. Consequently, the director is constantly training projectionists in order to insure a smooth functioning program.

## AUDIO-VISUAL USES

Since budgetary appropriations were inadequate to permit the purchase of a sufficient number of other teaching aids, the educational film became the audio-visual aid receiving perhaps the most emphasis in audio-instruction during 1951. A total of 160 films were used in the following separate programs: Elementary, High School, Trade School, General Vocational, and Guidance. Each film used was carefully selected by teacher committees or individual teachers in conference with the director.

The lantern slide was also extensively used in 1951. These slide units are especially adapted to the elementary curriculum and are therefore exclusively used by elementary schools. A total of 3,000 slides were requested for use by the four elementary schools during the year.

Although the purchase of filmstrips has been retarded, many teachers, nevertheless, have used preview sets which the director made available for evaluation purposes. In addition to the preview prints which have to be returned to the publishers, the Audio-Visual Aids Department has provided high school teachers of science and social studies with two excellent types of filmstrips by subscribing to the "Popular-Science Film-strip-of-the-Month Club" and the New York Times' "Report on the News" filmstrips.

A real advance in audio instruction was made possible through the purchase of a voice recorder. Its effectiveness has already been demonstrated in speech training, debating, and foreign language classes. The recorder's usefulness is really limited only to the extent of the teacher's ingenuity.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to increase the effectiveness of audio-visual instruction in the Southbridge Public Schools, the director recommends:

1. That the per pupil minimum expenditure for audio-visual instruction in Southbridge Public Schools be no less than one dollar per pupil.
2. That a course in audio-visual instruction, with promotional credits, be offered to teachers.
3. That a filmstrip projector be purchased immediately and placed in the high school.
4. That at least one wall screen and one portable classroom screen be purchased immediately.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all administrators and teachers who have cooperated so faithfully to establish sound audio-visual instruction in the Southbridge Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. DESROCHES, Director,  
Audio-Visual Instruction.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In response to your request, I submit the following report for music in the Southbridge Public Schools.

The music at the Mary E. Wells High School, with its glee clubs, its music appreciation, and occasional music assemblies, is all a part of a widely comprehensive music program. Music in the high school is an elective, although it reaches the whole student body through its assemblies. In the grades, there is music for all the children, the integrated parts of the program covering wide areas of experience. These experiences might be grouped under such headings as rhythmic expression, melodic ear-training, harmony, creative self-expression, development of motor coordination through rhythmic play, provi-

sion for the acquisition of basic skills and knowledges, introduction to modern band and orchestral instruments, and an emphasis on desirable character growth. Music, with its limitless opportunities for social relationships, usually fosters democratic living in community and school, and builds the physical and mental health of each child.

Each year, the rote-song repertory is extended and a note-song repertory built by sight-reading of unison and part songs. The child's rhythmic understanding is increased by bodily responses, dramatizations, pantomime, singing-games, folk dancing. He is encouraged very early in creative song interpretation, original songs, dances, free rhythmic expression, creative instrumental experiences. From the third grade on, he is led to interpret the relatively complex symbols of notation into musical experiences. The joy a child shows when he discovers, in a series of quarter-notes and halves, a song he has known from the cradle, is one of the music teacher's rewards. But the child should at first be led, not from the particular to the whole, but from the whole to the particular. Just as any language is spoken and sung long before it is read or written, so this universal language, music, which brings all tongues together in worship and in play, must first be felt, not studied. It must be felt as a response to beauty, the beauty of the silently falling snow, the song of a simple bird, the grandeur of a symphonic poem.

It is no longer discouraging to the music teacher to find a child who cannot carry a tune. That same child may have a wealth in his musical equipment that the golden voiced youngster next to him will never enjoy. Usually the child who deeply desires to sing, will sing, but if "That one talent seems lodged in him useless," there are many other musical ways in which he may express himself. Tonettes provide an introduction to one way. These little wind instruments are gradually being introduced in the fourth grades in Southbridge. Generally speaking, such instruments as these give a great impetus to children's desire to read music. They should also lead more children into the bands and orchestras. It is to be hoped that eventually the music education program in Southbridge will become "a sequence of aesthetic experiences, which may provide enjoyment, relaxation, recreation, and personality development."

The musical calendar for 1951 started with the presentation January 13th and 16th of the Gilbert and Sullivan favorite, "The Mikado," a project which proved to be far more than a glee club activity. It was a community project uniting the generosity, the talents, the particular skills of business people as well as teachers, of housewives as well as students in all the

public schools. All these and others joined forces with the high school Choristers to raise funds for band uniforms, the material for which had been most generously contributed by the Ames Worsted Company. They must feel a particular pride in the smart appearance and consequent new spirit of their band.

Through the year, in all the schools, music programs and pageants have been presented where facilities permit. December 21st marked the first time a high school and a grade school gave a joint program. This was a presentation of "An Old English Christmas," a pageant by Elizabeth and Eleanor Van Etten. I trust it was only the beginning, and that there may be many occasions when the older young people and the very young may join their voices in song.

Special attention has been given this year to the improvement of motor coordination through rhythmic response to music. So called "activity songs" and dramatizations are very popular but difficult to perform in crowded classrooms. The expression of musical motion should at first be bodily,—in hands, in feet,—running when the notes run, walking when they walk, skipping when they skip. Musical notation is meaningless until children gain concepts of distances. We might say of an octave, "A dove dives." Abstractions must become social if they are to activate children. "Our minds grow through physical activity." Just so, a child's memory grows with the movements associated with the words of a song.

"Music is a social and democratic art," and while it may mean much more to a talented child, it records the joys, the sorrows, and the ideals of all mankind. Therefore, its place in education is gaining more and more prominence, and should be the rightful heritage of every boy and girl. I am sure you and I hold the same ideals of music education, for you have always a ready willingness to cooperate in projects, which bring music in its many phases to more and more young people. Thank you again for your kindnesses to me. May I ask you please to express my appreciation, also, to the individual members of the School Board. Their encouragement has meant much to me.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELEANOR S. VAN ETTEN,  
Director of Music.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I am herewith submitting my annual report for the period January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951.

The past year has shown a marked increase in instrumental music participation, especially in the grammar grades.

Each grammar school is now included in my schedule and a whole day is devoted to each school for the purpose of giving specialized attention to the instrumental students.

During the month of May, the junior band put on a one-hour concert at each of the grammar schools and a special assembly for the student body of the high school.

The Mary E. Wells High School band was very active during the year. It participated in a total of twenty-five public appearances, which included local and out-of-town engagements such as parades, basketball tournament at Amherst, school music festival at Leominster, Wells football games. It put on its own "Spring Music Frolic."

Perhaps the high-light of the year was the complete unifying of the band which added greatly to its appearance and prestige. Much of the credit for this must go to the superintendent who was general chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and gave much of his time and experience to the successful conclusion of this project.

The National colors were presented to the band in special ceremonies November 3rd by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Rose Shepard made the presentation. The state flag was given by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post with Commander Roland Hetu making the presentation.

Pointing towards a well rounded instrumental music program is the formation of a high school dance orchestra and the institution of stringed instrument classes in the grammar grades leading to a grammar school orchestra with its subsequent carry-over to high school.

In conclusion, may I extend my heartiest thanks to all school personnel for their kind co-operation and especially to the principals for their help in scheduling the instrumental music program.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL J. SWEET, Director,  
Instrumental Music.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Massachusetts Department of Education wishes the Adult Civic Education Division to continue the work started last year with the newcomers to our shores. This means that we are to integrate socially these people as well as to teach them our language.

There are some who have come to this country through the interest and sponsorship of a relative. These are taken care of to a certain extent and made to feel they are welcome.

Others have come through the sponsorship of a church or national organization. Among these we find former soldiers who, after the war, found their homeland taken over by the Soviet Union. These, not wishing to return to their native country as they knew full well their homes and possessions had been confiscated, were allowed to live in Displaced Persons Camp under the protection of the French, English, and American Governments. Many refugees from Soviet Dominated Countries also found a haven in these camps. Some of the soldiers, who had been leaders, were taken into the Occupation Army by the above countries.

Later, through the United Nations Relief Association (U. N. R. A.) these faithful soldiers were given the opportunity to go to anyone of the sponsoring countries. Many chose to come to the United States. Nationals of Poland and the Baltic Countries were most affected in this way.

Then we have the hunted people who go from country to country in Europe and sometimes cross to Africa and then return to a free country of Europe before being able to contact a Relief Agency. People from Albania, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia are among them.

After their arrival in New York City by means of United Nations Assistance, these people arrive in Southbridge because of church sponsorship.

After learning enough English to be understood, the Adult Education Division of the Southbridge School Department endeavors to make them self-supporting and an asset to the community. It is truly gratifying to report that, through the cooperation and munificence of local industry, we have been able to do so.

Many of the students, ranging from sixteen to forty-five years of age, have an excellent educational background in their native tongue, so that their learning of the language and assimilation of our customs is very rapid.

The Course in U. S. History and Government is provided for those who are anxious to become citizens and must have an understanding of these subjects before being admitted as voters.

All during the year, the work of filing Citizenship Papers and checking the knowledge of our government goes on. This often entails much research and correspondence on the part of the department. Whatever the need of a non-citizen, we try our utmost to meet it and pledge ourselves to continue doing this to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,  
CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, Director,  
Adult Education.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, I herewith submit my report covering the activities of the playgrounds for the year 1951.

The season ran from July 9 through August 17, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, and Pleasant Street. Special events were held at the Town Swimming Pool and at Dresser Street Recreational Field.

### PERSONNEL

#### General

Director: Lewis A. Kyrios  
Supervisor of Arts and Crafts: Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard

#### Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Mr. Charles Venie  
Assistant Supervisor: Miss Carolyn Allard  
Junior Assistants: Miss Elizabeth Duhamel  
Miss Evelyn Cabana  
Mr. Joseph Marino

#### Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: Mr. Daniel Hobart  
Junior Assistants: Miss Eva Salviuolo  
Miss Charlotte Beck

### **West Street Playground**

Supervisor: Miss Liberty Themistocles  
Junior Assistants: Miss Pauline LeClair  
Miss Joyce Bachand  
Mr. Thomas Michael

### **Pleasant Street Playground**

Supervisor: Miss Elizabeth Curtis  
Junior Assistants: Miss Genevieve Hetu  
Mr. Dimitri Sotir

## **ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE**

Total Enrollment .....	1,165
Average Daily Attendance .....	485
Average Percentage of Attendance .....	36.90
Largest Daily Attendance .....	675

## **MEETINGS**

There were six meetings of the Supervisors held during the summer, the purpose of which was to plan the activities of the week and to consider any difficulties that may have arisen during the previous week. The Supervisors, in turn, conducted staff meetings each Friday within their playgrounds to organize and expand their individual programs. Their meetings were a source of help to all.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week .....	Organizational Week
Second Week .....	Sports Program
Third Week .....	Swimming Meet
Fourth Week .....	Track Meet
Fifth Week .....	Amateur Shows
Sixth Week .....	Arts and Crafts Exhibit

## **NEW ACTIVITIES**

Under the supervision of the Director, Lewis Kyrios, and in conjunction with Mr. Jacob Edwards, the President of the Little League, and the Southbridge Recreation Committee, a six-team "Minor League" baseball league was conducted. The results are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Minneapolis .....	10	4
Rochester .....	8	6
Toledo .....	7	7
Milwaukee .....	6	8
Louisville .....	5	9
Kansas City .....	5	9

In the play-off series, Toledo defeated Minneapolis and Milwaukee to win the championship.

At the end of the season, Mr. Jacob Edwards presented "Little League" T shirts to 60 players. Mr. Frank Skinyon, Director of the Dresser Street Athletic Field, served refreshments.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

As in former years, the exhibit of the Arts and Crafts Program was held at the Boston Store. Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard was the Supervisor of the Arts and Crafts Program and did an excellent job. Over 1600 items were displayed. Pleasant Street Playground completed 470 pieces of craftwork; West Street, 451; Charlton Street, 376; and Eastford Road, 318.

### SAFETY PROGRAM

The Safety Program was very successful, for the results were excellent. No major accidents resulted.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the Playground a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director,  
Summer Playground.



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